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1 NORTHWEST ARCTIC FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE  
2 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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4 VOLUME I

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6 Kotzebue, Alaska

7 September 18, 2002

8 8:45 o'clock a.m.

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10 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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12 Raymond Stoney, Chairman

13 Joe Arey

14 Percy C. Ballot

15 Lillian Johnson

16 Attamuk - Enoch Shiedt

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18 Regional Coordinator, (Not Present)

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 (Kotzebue, Alaska - 9/18/2002)

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5 (On record)

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7 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Good morning, ladies  
8 and gentlemen. Pick up your coffee and your roll so we  
9 can open the meeting to order. There's lots of coffee  
10 and rolls. Tom, you about ready?

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12 MR. BOYD: Yes, sir.

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14 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Steve.

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16 MR. FRIED: Yes.

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18 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Good morning. I'll  
19 call the Northwest Arctic Subsistence Regional Advisory  
20 Council to order at 8:45 a.m. May we have a roll call  
21 please?

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23 MR. BOYD: Yes, Mr. Chair. I'll call the  
24 names of the active membership. Raymond Stoney.

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26 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Here.

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28 MR. BOYD: Joe Arey.

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30 MR. AREY: Here.

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32 MR. BOYD: Percy Ballot.

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34 MR. BALLOT: Here.

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36 MR. BOYD: Lillian Johnson.

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38 MS. JOHNSON: Here.

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40 MR. BOYD: Attamuk.

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42 ATTAMUK: Here.

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44 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair, all the active  
45 membership is present, there is a quorum.

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47 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Thank you. Welcome to  
48 the RAC, I see all the agencies are here and they are  
49 very welcome to this meeting today and I hope that we'll  
50 accomplish something.

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1 First of all, I'll make a brief comment.  
2 Our coordinator, Helen, was not able to make it to this  
3 meeting, she's not feeling good or something?

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5 MR. BOYD: That's correct.

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7 CHAIRMAN STONEY: And on elections I'm  
8 still an acting Chair, which I'm not excited about, and I  
9 certainly am glad that Willie Goodwin is here, and I'm  
10 sitting on your Chair, so I'm a little bit nervous about  
11 it so we'll do our business today and then we'll see what  
12 we can accomplish.

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14 So I'll start off with introductions from  
15 Percy.

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17 MR. BALLOT: Hi, Percy Ballot. I'm from  
18 Buckland representing Buckland and Deering.

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20 MS. JOHNSON: I'm Lillian Johnson from  
21 Ambler.

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23 CHAIRMAN STONEY: I'm Raymond Stoney and  
24 I'm from Kiana.

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26 MR. AREY: Joe Arey, I'm from Noatak.

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28 ATTAMUK: Attamuk, Kotzebue.

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30 MR. FRIED: Steve Fried, Office of  
31 Subsistence Management in Anchorage.

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33 MR. BOYD: I'm Tom Boyd with the Office  
34 of Subsistence Management, Fish and Wildlife Service in  
35 Anchorage.

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37 MS. COLE: Jeannie Cole. I'm with the  
38 Bureau of Land Management in Fairbanks.

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40 MS. MEYERS: Randy Meyers and I'm also  
41 with the Bureau of Land management in Kotzebue.

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43 MS. GEORGETTE: Susan Georgette. I work  
44 with the Fish and Game Department in Kotzebue.

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46 MR. MAGDANZ: I'm Jim Magdanz with Fish  
47 and Game Subsistence Division, Kotzebue.

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49 MR. ADKISSON: Ken Adkisson with the  
50 National Park Service, Nome.

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1 MR. GOODWIN: Willie Goodwin, National  
2 Park Service in Kotzebue.

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4 MR. RABINOWITCH: Sandy Rabinowitch,  
5 National Park Service in Anchorage.

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7 MR. JACK: Carl Jack, Native Liaison,  
8 OSM.

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10 MR. ADAMS: My name's Jeff Adams. I'm  
11 with the Fish and Wildlife Service, Fairbanks Fishery  
12 office.

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14 MS. SPANGLER: Beth Spangler, Office of  
15 Subsistence Management, Anchorage.

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17 MS. AYRES: LeeAnn Ayres, Selawik Refuge  
18 here in Kotzebue.

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20 MR. SCHNORR: Mike Schnorr, National Park  
21 Service, Kotzebue.

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23 MR. SHULTZ: Brad Shultz, Wildlife  
24 Biologist with the Park Service.

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26 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Anybody else, right  
27 there.

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29 REPORTER: My name's Tina, I'm the court  
30 reporter.

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32 MR. LEAN: Me.

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34 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Oh, Charlie.

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36 MR. LEAN: Charlie Lean with the National  
37 Park Service in Nome.

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39 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Welcome Charlie.  
40 Welcome to this meeting. I'm glad most of the agencies  
41 are here and we're certainly glad we got a quorum. So  
42 we'll go to -- did I miss anything Tom?

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44 MR. BOYD: No, sir.

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46 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Item 4. Review and  
47 adopting the agenda. Before you you've got a booklet and  
48 then your agenda is -- I think this is the latest we got,  
49 the blue one?

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1 MR. BOYD: Yes.

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3 CHAIRMAN STONEY: And I'll just give you  
4 a few minutes for adopting the agenda at today's meeting.

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6 (Pause)

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8 ATTAMUK: Mr. Chairman.

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10 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Attamuk.

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12 ATTAMUK: On the agenda here I think what  
13 we need to do is add the user conflict we were talking  
14 about. I don't see it anywhere in the agenda. The one  
15 for the Selawik and Noatak, upper Kobuk so we need to put  
16 it on the agenda somewhere.

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18 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Could I see  
19 your.....

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21 ATTAMUK: A letter was written to you  
22 about it back in -- I got it -- we still need to address  
23 the problem that's still happening.

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25 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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27 ATTAMUK: We just can't drop it.

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29 MR. FRIED: Mr. Chair, there is some  
30 reference to it under Tab I.

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32 CHAIRMAN STONEY: On I?

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34 MR. FRIED: There was the letter that was  
35 sent by the Chair to the Board and then the response back  
36 so maybe that can be discussed when that's taken up and  
37 that would be under the annual report, which is number  
38 12. Would that be a good way to do it?

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40 ATTAMUK: I didn't see it.

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42 MR. BALLOT: Mr. Chairman.

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44 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Percy.

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46 MR. BALLOT: I move to approve the agenda  
47 with.....

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49 MS. COLE: Mr. Chair, I'd like to add  
50 something. This is Jeannie Cole with the Bureau of Land

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1 Management. John Trent asked me to give a quick update  
2 on the Western Arctic Caribou Herd planning process.

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4 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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6 MS. COLE: So I'd like to have that added  
7 onto the agenda at some point.

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9 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. It's been moved  
10 by Percy to adopt today's agenda. Moved by Percy.

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12 MR. BALLOT: Uh-huh.

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14 ATTAMUK: Excuse me, Raymond, Enoch here.  
15 Are we going to put it under agency reports, under other?

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17 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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19 ATTAMUK: I'll second, Percy, with the  
20 addition of Western Arctic Caribou Herd.

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22 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Second by Attamuk or  
23 Enoch?

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25 ATTAMUK: I seconded Percy.

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27 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, second on.....

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29 ATTAMUK: With the addition of hers.

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31 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Second. All in  
32 favor of adopting the agenda signify by saying aye.

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34 IN UNISON: Aye.

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36 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Any opposed.

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38 (No opposing votes)

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40 CHAIRMAN STONEY: The agenda to the  
41 meeting has been approved.

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43 Item No. 5, review and adoption of the  
44 minutes of March 21, 2002 meeting. It's on Tab C. Let's  
45 take a few minutes to go through the minutes.

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47 (Pause)

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49 MR. BALLOT: Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Percy.

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3 MR. BALLOT: I move to approve the March  
4 21, 2002 minutes.

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6 CHAIRMAN STONEY: It's been moved by  
7 Percy to adopt the minutes of March 21, 2002 meeting.

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9 MS. JOHNSON: Second.

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11 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Second by Lillian. Any  
12 objections on the second? All in favor of adopting the  
13 minutes of March 21 signify by saying aye.

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15 IN UNISON: Aye.

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17 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Opposed.

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19 (No opposing votes)

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21 CHAIRMAN STONEY: The minutes from March  
22 21, 2002 has been approved.

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24 Item No. 6 Council member reports. Go  
25 ahead and start first, Percy.

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27 MR. BALLOT: I think we're doing fine,  
28 Mr. Chairman. Yes, I do have one, I was wondering about  
29 the boundaries for the State hunts up in our area, for  
30 NANA's lands and then to farther up for State and Federal  
31 lands.

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33 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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35 MR. BALLOT: Can we get that sometime?

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37 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah. Percy, I'm  
38 pretty aware of it myself because I work for NANA as a  
39 resource protection officer but I can go along with you,  
40 if I get to Buckland and give you the boundary lines of  
41 NANA and then the BLM because BLM manages the upper part  
42 of Buckland.

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44 MR. BALLOT: Right.

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46 CHAIRMAN STONEY: And then I imagine BLM  
47 also has more information than I do, hey?

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49 MS. MEYERS: Yeah. If I had known to  
50 bring a map I certainly would have and I can bring a map

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1 assuming we break for lunch or something, if that would  
2 help?

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4 MR. BALLOT: Okay.

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6 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. For the  
7 information to Percy, I'll try and get you a map that  
8 shows the allottees and the NANA and then the BLM.

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10 MR. BALLOT: Yeah, there's concerns  
11 because we saw some planes and some guys, I think they  
12 were kind of farther down than they usually are, some  
13 hunters and stuff. And I know a few years ago we had to  
14 get them back to where they usually do their hunting.  
15 But we seen a plane the other day up there just flying  
16 around and don't know what they're doing but just kind of  
17 wondering.

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19 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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21 MR. BALLOT: We can make our hunters  
22 aware of what the boundary lines are so that it won't be  
23 confusing or the conflicts going on in the future.

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25 CHAIRMAN STONEY: I was planning to go up  
26 there all last week to Buckland and meet with some of you  
27 guys, I wanted to put up a sign, you know. We got signs  
28 now that are visible from the water. All I need is  
29 approval from you guys to make sure that I wasn't putting  
30 it on somebody's allotment.

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32 MR. BALLOT: Uh-huh.

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34 CHAIRMAN STONEY: I thought we could do  
35 that, uh?

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37 MR. BALLOT: You could work that with our  
38 IRA, we'd be glad to get the allottee's and stuff and get  
39 their cooperation or understanding of what they're going  
40 to be used for.

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42 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. How about BLM,  
43 does the BLM -- I know BLM manages by Buckland, they  
44 don't have any kind of reference of markings in that  
45 area, do they?

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47 MS. MEYERS: No, not between say, State  
48 land and BLM land or.....

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50 REPORTER: Can you, please.



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1 MS. MEYERS: No, we don't have any  
2 boundary markings on the ground between BLM lands and  
3 State lands or BLM lands and NANA lands. The only thing  
4 that BLM has put out in the past are trail markers for  
5 the easements and not all the easements are marked  
6 either. The most easement markers are up in the Upper  
7 Kobuk in the Ambler/Shungnak/Kobuk region. But we can  
8 get you some maps Percy.

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10 MR. BALLOT: Okay, we'd appreciate it.

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12 MS. MEYERS: Some land status maps.

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14 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, thank you Percy.  
15 Is that all?

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17 MR. BALLOT: Yeah.

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19 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, is that it?

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21 MR. BALLOT: Yeah.

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23 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Lillian.

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25 MS. JOHNSON: All fishing and hunting  
26 okay right now. We got good subsistence fishing. We got  
27 salmon early this time when there's no commercial fishing  
28 down there in June, first part almost we got salmon.  
29 Many years we used to have late. But everybody's  
30 catching well on fishing and hunting right now. There's  
31 some caribou still crossing up and below. But we don't  
32 know, later on, I hope not like last year. There's moose  
33 and all the animals up there. The low water we had and  
34 then we got too high of water right now, that's it.  
35 That's all.

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37 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Done?

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39 MS. JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

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41 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Joe.

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43 MR. AREY: Yes. I don't know my people  
44 have been complaining quite a bit about that out of state  
45 or at least out of the area, people been coming in and  
46 they've been going up river with a couple of guides, I  
47 don't know if they're licensed or not. And they bring  
48 them right where the migrations at and there's nothing  
49 crossing there, they have to go cross some place else and  
50 some of the people, they can't catch their subsistence

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1 for the fall of caribou because they're not crossing  
2 where they usually cross. They're doing that on both  
3 sides of the village down and up. They're talking about  
4 planes landing on the sand bars, float planes flying in  
5 with pontoons. They're lucky to get their caribou  
6 because of all that -- all the people coming in.

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8 I don't know who we talk to about them  
9 people that get those guide licenses because I know one  
10 up at the village, that was Art, the other one -- we got  
11 another one up there but I don't know if he's licensed.  
12 So I don't know who I have to ask to see what they can do  
13 about those guys. They won't go up there by themselves  
14 and just go out. A lot of those hunters, they come back  
15 with more racks than the meat, so I don't know what  
16 they're doing with the meat. I mean they're getting  
17 frustrated. I just thought I'd bring that up because,  
18 man, they're just too many hunters up there now, out of  
19 state or Lower 48.

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21 That's all I got.

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23 Moose -- they get moose but not that  
24 much. All the others are getting them, them out of  
25 state.

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27 CHAIRMAN STONEY: The one thing that I  
28 know of -- I probably know a little bit about it that  
29 it's managed by the National Park agency, and Preserve.  
30 Maybe Willie -- maybe ask Willie a question. Willie, as  
31 you know now that you work for Park Service and then like  
32 for Joe's concerns, is there any agencies that Noatak,  
33 like the law enforcement or any other way to monitor the  
34 hunting procedure, what's happening at Noatak Valley from  
35 the Park Service? Willie.

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37 MR. GOODWIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
38 The incident that Joe is talking about, the Park Service  
39 is aware of it. I've had a discussion with the ranger.  
40 The wildlife protection officer for the Alaska State  
41 Troopers certainly is aware of it and they are taking  
42 steps, I think -- they're at least checking the licenses  
43 and such, that's why they know they're not from the area.

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45 Certainly we can't do anything when the  
46 hunters are at someone's allotment. Once they get  
47 outside of the allotment action can be taken if they're  
48 caught with game.

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50 I know that the troopers are checking

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1 into the guiding part of it but I'm not aware of to what  
2 extent.

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4 Later on on the agenda I'll give you a  
5 report on where we're at with the commercial services  
6 plan and the permitting process that we're working on to  
7 try to address the problem that Joe is talking about.

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9 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Willie, if I can  
10 ask another question. Like you said, at least they are  
11 doing something about it and they are aware of it. What  
12 is your procedure of monitoring these hunters outside of  
13 allotments, they got a float aircraft, a wheeled aircraft  
14 or boat or what?

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16 MR. GOODWIN: We have a ranger at the  
17 Kelly River. We've had them there, I don't know I don't  
18 think they're there right now or they could be there  
19 right now. I know we've had flights that are covering  
20 the area and the ranger has been talking and checking  
21 licenses both in the Kobuk Valley and in the Noatak  
22 Preserve.

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24 ATTAMUK: I got a question for Willie.

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26 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Enoch.

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28 ATTAMUK: You said flights, you mean you  
29 guys got a plane up there?

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31 MR. GOODWIN: We have a plane here in  
32 Kotzebue.

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34 ATTAMUK: A charter plane or what, or is  
35 it....

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37 MR. GOODWIN: We've chartered -- yes, we  
38 do charter float planes.

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40 ATTAMUK: Yeah, that's a problem -- I  
41 think with a charter plane I got nothing against it. But  
42 we need to identify the charter plane that way the people  
43 who are complaining, they could see the difference  
44 between, you know, a service airplane to help the problem  
45 out there. But if it's a chartered plane, we need to --  
46 like I always state, we need to identify the rangers  
47 versus the other private airlines.

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49 MR. GOODWIN: I understand that. But the  
50 problem with that is we don't have a chief ranger and the

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1 process is just about over to select one now. I know  
2 they haven't made a selection yet but they will soon.

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4 ATTAMUK: Okay, thanks.

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6 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Thank you, Willie.

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8 MR. GOODWIN: Thank you.

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10 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Joe, any more?

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12 MR. AREY: No. Something will come up  
13 later.

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15 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Thanks, Joe. I have to  
16 practice your name, Attamuk?

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18 ATTAMUK: Attamuk.

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20 MR. BALLOT: Attamuk.

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22 MR. AREY: That's close enough.

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24 ATTAMUK: Okay, I'm hearing the same  
25 thing as Joe from Noatak. And I've been at our cabin and  
26 hear what he's saying. And the people from the village  
27 is hunting more down river, same as last year what I  
28 stated, migration is being changed somewhere by someone.  
29 The Noatak Preserve agencies is what need to do is just  
30 hurry up and start working on this conflict before we  
31 have another incident. Instead of saying, we're working  
32 on it, what you need to do is rush on it because they're  
33 getting tired of it and it's harder for the people to  
34 hunt down river than up river. Because when you're  
35 loaded you could always drift down at Noatak because it's  
36 shallow and this year it was extra shallow. A majority  
37 of the people, that river's like an accordion now. You  
38 want to hear different sounds of the boats, I hear it  
39 from my camp, I can tell you the difference between a  
40 Yamaha and a Honda now.

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42 And yes, planes are coming in heavily.  
43 When we were there, my boy count 16 just going up,  
44 Maverick Air, three other planes, every half -- 16 just  
45 going up every half an hour to 45 minutes. We timed  
46 them. Right between -- and they are well under 500 feet  
47 because I -- they'd even be lower than my plane, they got  
48 no respect for the no-fly zone that's in effect because  
49 they know there's no one out there enforcing it. The  
50 enforcers are worried about the Natives, they're not

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1 worried about the transporters, guides or anybody. It's  
2 got to change. We need to change it where we make it all  
3 equal to everyone to be out there, not just for the  
4 Natives, for other people, too. You know, we see it and  
5 that's why that no fly zone is in effect and we need to  
6 use it as a tool. You agencies always want to put a  
7 limit on something and that's to use against us, this is  
8 a tool to use against the others see. And we got to make  
9 it fair. And I'm hearing this now from the people, the  
10 younger kids aren't understanding the regulations,  
11 teenagers are now growing up and getting families. I  
12 hear this when I went to Noatak and I hear it from Kiana,  
13 there's two boys, and Selawik and they're having a  
14 conflict of people coming in and interfering with their  
15 subsistence. It's getting harder for them.

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17 Even if there is caribou at 450,000  
18 strong, we are taking a lot less at fall time when  
19 everybody loves the fall caribou because they are fat.  
20 That's why we need to look into this and we need to start  
21 addressing this now instead of saying we'll work on this  
22 later, it's got to be done today. And I'm hearing this  
23 from the villages. When they do come down for meetings,  
24 I work for Maniilaq and they talk to me and I hear them.  
25 It's just not Noatak, it's everywhere, Buckland, Selawik  
26 and Kiana, Kivalina's the same and upper Kobuk. I'm  
27 hearing it.

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29 So what we need to do is we need rangers  
30 now, we got one up there, we need more rangers than that,  
31 there's ways to get rangers, you guys got money; move  
32 some funds around. So please we need to start addressing  
33 this in a hurry before we have another conflict and we,  
34 the Natives are going to be hurt in our own land. We're  
35 going to be hurt right here trying to protect our  
36 subsistence, that's what's going to happen.

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38 Thanks.

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40 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Thank you, Enoch. My,  
41 myself am from Kiana, I know that this year, the  
42 migration of caribou was about like 10 to 14 days late.  
43 We've been monitoring caribou for a while there and in  
44 July they started out going south but they turned back  
45 for about two weeks, they finally started showing up  
46 about three weeks ago. The hunters in the Kiana area, I  
47 talked to quite a few, mostly all of them, that this  
48 year's caribou migration is good and they're real  
49 healthy.

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1           Sharing information, because I work also  
2 for NANA protecting all private land, like NANA land. I  
3 do a lot of on a chartered aircraft, air patrol and boat  
4 patrol and then I was glad, you know, in the last 10  
5 days, that I see a lot more bull, caribou than in the  
6 last four years. There's a lot of big bulls everywhere.  
7 You don't see that much bulls in the last four years and  
8 they're real healthy.

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10           Of course, like Enoch said, the  
11 migrations at Noatak Valley, that's going through Noatak,  
12 well, it seems like to me, and generally, Enoch, they're  
13 like almost the same as last year. They started off,  
14 they cross way up around someplace and they went up to  
15 the hills and migrate through headwaters at Ely.

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17           ATTAMUK: Uh-huh.

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19           CHAIRMAN STONEY: And they come out  
20 through Aggie and down river Aggie and they start coming  
21 up from Aggie all the way down to Hugo. I don't know why  
22 they do that but maybe they had some hunters in that area  
23 that -- I don't go that far on the air patrol. But they  
24 were way off on Noatak. And there's quite a few camps on  
25 Ely and Aggie. Like in the Squirrel River, it's pretty  
26 popular. I notice they got one camp, one camp has 14  
27 tents. There weren't, when I see it in the air, they  
28 were not having too much luck with the caribou, like 15  
29 or 20 miles away.

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31           Other than that, the local people, you  
32 know, really has been happy about the migration of  
33 caribou. They're not wild and then I guess they got one  
34 already and there's still a lot more coming.

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36           I was kind of surprised this fall at my  
37 work, what I do for NANA, started out pretty quiet, just  
38 took local hunters, not much air carriers, but in the  
39 last 10 days there's big changes. Quite a few hunters  
40 came, some were successful and some wasn't. Number 1 was  
41 the weather, the weather's always the boss. Of course,  
42 you know, we all know in the month of July and August it  
43 hasn't rained very much at all and the river's almost  
44 went drive like in the Noatak and Kobuk, you could walk  
45 across the river and you couldn't hardly get anywhere.  
46 And again, in the last 10 days everything's changing,  
47 everything's just flooded.

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49           Other than that, you know, it's been a  
50 good fall. A lot of guys asked me, do these guys got

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1 permits, hunting someplace like these guides and  
2 outfitters, they're just about -- what they normally  
3 follow the law procedure and requirements by the guides,  
4 they're doing their work but there's a lot of concerned  
5 people from everywhere, especially Selawik now. Can't do  
6 much about it because they're doing their work.

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8 Any questions on the village concern  
9 reports from the agencies.

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11 Okay, we'll be moving right along, Item  
12 No. 7, Chair's report.

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14 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair.

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16 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Tom.

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18 MR. BOYD: I do have a question just for  
19 clarification. Not working in the field in this region  
20 and just knowing generally the regulations, is the  
21 concern that I'm hearing, particularly with regard to  
22 Noatak, violations of the controlled use area? Is that  
23 what I'm hearing?

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25 ATTAMUK: Yeah, because there states no-  
26 fly zones from August -- right around the 20th, I can't  
27 remember the closing date, that they could fly only at  
28 certain feet in the air and they're well below it.  
29 Because I stated, the planes I mentioned, of the 16, were  
30 mostly double, of two planes flying together and they're  
31 only about -- how many times they fly, I had to look down  
32 from my camp and they're scooping the planes. And I was  
33 busy, I had no radio, I can't remember the numbers, our  
34 pen didn't want to work of all things. And my wife tried  
35 to -- I gave her the numbers, I look at them with  
36 binoculars and we both couldn't remember them when we  
37 come to town. I could recognize the planes if I see them  
38 here. But they're constantly traveling. They're  
39 together sometimes, three planes all going toward Aggie.  
40 That mountain, there's two mountains, you go right over  
41 the pass, right from my camp they go over, see. Within a  
42 quarter of a mile from my camp, you fly over. When they  
43 fly further down they go half a mile.

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45 That's why, I see it firsthand that's why  
46 I'm mentioning it. And also the people in Noatak are  
47 hunting a lot more down river than before because they're  
48 not seeing any caribou like I mentioned, migration being  
49 changed by someplace, somewhere.

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1 MR. GOODWIN: Mr. Chairman, let me.....

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3 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Just a minute. Tom,  
4 you got more?

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6 MR. BOYD: No, I was just trying to  
7 understand the issue.

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9 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Before you get  
10 going, Willie, I got a question. My question would be  
11 maybe to all the agencies, including you, because I do a  
12 lot of air patrol, especially in the Squirrel and in the  
13 Kobuk. This year I've seen some aircraft, you know, that  
14 lands and they were skinning caribou within a hundred  
15 feet of the aircraft, that's same day airborne caribou  
16 shooting and I thought there was some regulation that if  
17 you were hunting with aircraft you can't shoot until the  
18 next, what do they call it 3:00 a.m. or something like  
19 that, you know, not same day. That's my question.

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21 Go ahead, Willie.

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23 MR. GOODWIN: Yeah, Tom the time period  
24 from August 25 to September 15th, for the controlled use  
25 area but it's only for hunting.

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27 MR. BOYD: Right.

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29 MR. GOODWIN: For hunting of ungulates,  
30 you know, bear, wolves or wolverine. There's nothing  
31 that prohibits anyone from flying that low saying they're  
32 going to go fishing. So the problem there is that you  
33 can't stop the airplane in the air for sure just to check  
34 and see if he had a fishing rod, you know, but it's legal  
35 for them to fly anywhere if they're going to go fishing.  
36 But the no-fly zone applies to hunting.

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38 MR. BOYD: Is it a no-fly zone?

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40 MR. GOODWIN: Yes, controlled use area.

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42 MR. BOYD: The controlled use area just  
43 does not.....

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45 MR. GOODWIN: 500 feet.

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47 MR. BOYD: Okay, there is a regulation.

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49 MR. AREY: Them people that go fishing,  
50 they know about that controlled use area and you'll see



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1 them flying high when they're going to Kelly and these  
2 guys that come up looking for something, they're not  
3 going fishing. Before they started that controlled use  
4 area, before, we used to go up river and we used to wait  
5 there and watch the caribou come down, when they come  
6 down the airplane is coming down real low following the  
7 river and then when they got that controlled use area up  
8 then they quit coming around. Now, they're starting all  
9 over again. You know they're not going fishing.

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11 MR. GOODWIN: But that's a loophole in  
12 the regulation. Thank you.

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14 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Can you get that mike  
15 there.

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17 MR. RABINOWITCH: Good morning. I'm  
18 Sandy Rabinowitch with the Park Service in Anchorage.  
19 Mr. Chairman, you asked about same day airborne hunting.

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21 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yes.

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23 MR. RABINOWITCH: I think different  
24 agencies have different regulations. The Park Service  
25 regulation, which I have here with me, I can summarize it  
26 for you, it's only for Park Service areas. But we do  
27 have a prohibition against same day airborne hunting and  
28 there's 14 species listed in this regulation. We can  
29 make copies of this if you want.

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31 Let me look and, yes, I see caribou. I  
32 just had to look down and make sure it was here on that  
33 list but I do see it. So you are exactly correct, you  
34 have to wait until 3:00 a.m. the next day. So that  
35 prohibition is in effect for Park Service lands, so that  
36 would be the Noatak Preserve, you know, the area that  
37 you're talking about. The other agencies, I can't speak  
38 for, I don't know their regulations, you know, as well as  
39 I know Park Service.

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41 The one other thing I would point out  
42 just to go on for one minute about the controlled use  
43 area. I don't think any of the wildlife agencies have  
44 any control of air space so when planes are in the area  
45 they can basically -- people kind of do what they want.  
46 As far as I know we don't really have any control. It's  
47 only for the hunting of big game that that controlled use  
48 area is in effect if I'm not mistaken.

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50 ATTAMUK: Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Enoch.

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3 ATTAMUK: Yeah, just to add on, Enoch  
4 here, maybe we could put a proposal in to make the same  
5 adoption on the regulation for people that are fishing,  
6 too, because it conflicts whether they're going out to  
7 fish or hunt caribou. You know, maybe we need to add  
8 that on on the regulation. And maybe what we need to do  
9 is come up -- Helen's not here, Tom needs to come up with  
10 -- maybe need to come with a proposal saying we need to  
11 add that on for people that are fishing, too, in the  
12 preserve of Noatak. Because if this keeps up, like Joe  
13 said, we see it and we are the people out there we're  
14 seeing things you guys are in an office somewhere and  
15 we're on the land in Noatak and we're seeing it  
16 completely different, see, and we don't want to see  
17 another incident again is what I am saying. Because what  
18 I'm scared of is I don't know if the kid had binoculars  
19 or not but he had his rifle, probably he was trying to  
20 see the numbers but he had his rifle pointed toward the  
21 plane. I know he was probably looking with his scope but  
22 you don't know, see. And these, they were flying, my  
23 wife hollered, you know, somebody was drifting down, a  
24 boat, and we didn't know whose boat it was but we saw a  
25 couple of boats, a couple of those people in the boat and  
26 their rifles pointed towards the plane and they were low  
27 and the planes were lower than my cabin. I see it and I  
28 was on the roof.

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30 And maybe we need to, like I say, we need  
31 to come up with a proposal, we could work it in some how,  
32 you know, we got start working on this now ahead of time.  
33 Because this is our, you know, this is our livelihood and  
34 our people live off the land and we're going to get hurt  
35 if something do happen. They're going to turn and blame  
36 us for something we're trying to protect and it's our  
37 right to hunt subsistence.

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39 Thanks.

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41 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yes.

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43 MR. RABINOWITCH: Mr. Chairman, if I  
44 might just add that the current regulation that I think  
45 we're all talking about in the Federal book, the green-  
46 colored book, I think you all have a copy there, it's on  
47 Page 134 under special provisions. It is currently  
48 written for ungulates, bears, wolves or wolverine, that's  
49 simply what it says. It's the first full paragraph on  
50 the top of Page 134.

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1           The other comment I would make and I  
2 presume all of you already know this. Controlled use  
3 areas have certainly been a challenging topic in the  
4 state the last several years. I mean there's a lot of  
5 controversy. My observation is there's a lot of  
6 controversy about controlled use areas and it seems like  
7 where they've been proposed in recent years they've had a  
8 tough go at making changes because of various local  
9 controversies and the few that seem to have been changed  
10 -- again, at least with what I've seen is where the State  
11 agencies and the Federal agencies line up on a  
12 recommendation. So I share that observation.

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14           Again, I won't try to speak for the State  
15 or any other agencies but they seem to be harder to make  
16 changes.

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18           Thank you.

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20           ATTAMUK: Okay. What I'm saying, I'm not  
21 saying we're going to open a new controlled use area.  
22 Controlled use area is already in effect in Noatak, I'm  
23 just going to add on for the people for the fishing,  
24 okay, I'm not trying to open a new controlled use area.  
25 I know it's going to be a challenge because I don't want  
26 to close out another area. But if we do close out  
27 another area we're just going to push off the problem  
28 somewhere else and this is the land and it's open -- let  
29 it be open where it's at, just add on to what's already  
30 in effect.

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32           That's all.

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34           CHAIRMAN STONEY: Thank you. Yeah.

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36           MR. MAGDANZ: Mr. Chair, Jim Magdanz,  
37 Alaska Department of Fish and Game. I was at the two  
38 meetings of the Alaska Board of Game in November and  
39 January where they considered and rejected a proposal  
40 from the Upper Kobuk to create a new controlled use area  
41 to limit hunting up there like it is on the Noatak. And  
42 I concur with Sandy's observations that it's been really  
43 difficult to get controlled use areas expanded or created  
44 on the Board for a variety of reasons.

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46           But one of the things that was discussed  
47 at some length during these meetings was the transporter  
48 industry in general statewide creating these kinds of  
49 issues, not just here but in the Kuskokwim and in the  
50 Koyukuk and throughout the state. And if there was one

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1 area where it seemed to us that consensus might be  
2 possible, it would be that a commercial services board  
3 needs to be reinstated by the State to manage the  
4 operations of transporters. Not in this area or that  
5 area or another area in particular but overall to manage  
6 the number of hunters that they can carry, the volume of  
7 their operations. And there is the possibility of some  
8 consensus between the guiding industry which is pretty  
9 heavily regulated and subsistence users who feel heavily  
10 regulated to bring the transporter industry under an  
11 umbrella of regulation as well because right now  
12 transporters are just like taxis. You get an airplane,  
13 you get an air taxi operation, you get an air taxi  
14 certificate and you can begin transporting hunters  
15 anywhere.

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17 So that's something to keep in mind is to  
18 talk to your legislators about regulating the transporter  
19 industry on a statewide basis. Mr. Chair.

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21 CHAIRMAN STONEY: I noticed this years  
22 operations for outfitters and guides, there's something  
23 like 40, 45 outfitters in the area this year that's been  
24 active?

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26 MR. MAGDANZ: We've kept the list of the  
27 number of people registered that guide and transport in  
28 the area and that's approximately the number, I don't  
29 know exactly. But you're approximately correct.

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31 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Otherwise  
32 there's no limit of these transporters and guides, there  
33 could be a hundred if they wanted to be.

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35 MR. MAGDANZ: I could be one tomorrow if  
36 I filed the paperwork.

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38 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Would there be  
39 any control of the transporters and guides to limit them,  
40 let's say we have five in Noatak and then two at Selawik  
41 and five at Kobuk, can they be managed that way? Just  
42 limit the transporters and guides?

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44 MR. MAGDANZ: There are limits on guides.  
45 There are areas that guides have to apply for. But  
46 transporters presently are not restricted in any way in  
47 that. And so that's one of the things that the guides  
48 would like to see is that the transporters be restrained  
49 in their operations in some fashion so it's an area where  
50 I think the subsistence users and the guides have common

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1 interests.

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3 ATTAMUK: Jim, I'll meet with you and you  
4 and I will work on it together.

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6 MR. MAGDANZ: Okay.

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8 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair.

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10 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Tom.

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12 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair, I have a question  
13 while Jim is at the table if I may and I'm coming at this  
14 with some ignorance. Is there a regulation that  
15 prohibits and, I'm not aware of any, that prohibits  
16 aircraft from flying at certain levels in some of these  
17 areas? We don't have such but I.....

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19 MR. MAGDANZ: No.

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21 MR. BOYD: Okay.

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23 MR. MAGDANZ: Only the FAA's general  
24 FAR's that restrict the operations of aircraft in  
25 unpopulated areas to no less than 500 feet.

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27 MR. BOYD: 500 feet, so that's an FAA  
28 regulation?

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30 MR. MAGDANZ: It's an FAA regulation,  
31 it's nationwide.

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33 MR. BOYD: Nationwide, yeah.

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35 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Well, all my time of  
36 flying and I fly with commercial air taxis and they know  
37 within either 500 feet altitude or keep distance from one  
38 person or a hundred person you cannot get closer than 500  
39 feet. We see aircraft just 50 feet off the ground going  
40 full bore a lot of times, sometimes a DC-6.

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42 MR. MAGDANZ: If there's no person or  
43 apparent property, you know, a house, a cabin, boat, then  
44 they can operate 10 feet off the ground if they want to.

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46 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Thank you.

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48 MR. MAGDANZ: Uh-huh.

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50 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Enoch.

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1           ATTAMUK: I just wanted to comment on  
2 we're hearing the same thing on the migratory birds, even  
3 our commuter airplanes flying at certain level s and  
4 they're disturbing the nesting. So we could prove it  
5 like the birds, it is disturbing the caribou at certain  
6 levels of flying, it's changing the migration route of  
7 the caribou.

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9           CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, we're still at  
10 Item 6, village concerns. Any concerns from the audience  
11 of what the Council just brought up, you know, it's just  
12 the reports -- any questions about where the caribou is  
13 and how they are? Moving right along, we'll take a break  
14 shortly, No. 7, Chair's report, it's on Tab D.

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16           I attended some of these meetings in  
17 Anchorage, one was in May. There was some proposals that  
18 were put to the Chairs for discussion. I learned one  
19 thing which is very important to all of us is the black  
20 bear and the parts of the black bear and like a  
21 furbearer. There was a proposal from some other Councils  
22 throughout Alaska, the sale of parts of black bear. It's  
23 been favored by some other Councils throughout Alaska. I  
24 didn't make too much comments on it because I wanted some  
25 input from our area, like the villages.

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27           I'll give you an example, it did happen  
28 before and about 15 years ago the antlers came, caribou  
29 antlers and moose antlers. Well, we say we'll give you a  
30 five bucks a pound, you know, for those antlers for  
31 caribou and moose, the next year, you know, we started  
32 seeing dead caribou everywhere with no antlers, people  
33 just shooting them and then taking the antlers and go  
34 sell them, it got way out of control.

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36           I don't know who my question would be to the  
37 agencies, if that becomes legalized to sell parts of a  
38 black bear, like a furbearer, would that become  
39 uncontrolled or just -- otherwise my question would be if  
40 I wanted to sell a black bear skin or the head or the  
41 claws and shoot the black bear and leave the rest, that's  
42 how it will come to be.

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44           And there was a lot of discussion on this  
45 and I didn't put no input at all, I wanted to hear from  
46 this Council before the proposal comes up and effect  
47 through statewide Alaska. That was the main concern from  
48 most of the Chairs that was brought up.

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50           Secondly, of course, I'm making the

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1 report up from when I went lat May. The Federal Board  
2 meeting, of course, some Chairs were very concerned about  
3 the meeting place in Anchorage. Of course Anchorage is a  
4 good place to meet for the Chairs. I didn't like how it  
5 was maintained and organized in Anchorage because I had  
6 to walk four blocks to a meeting place. But we stayed at  
7 a hotel and then we had to walk all the way down -- well,  
8 it was the Days Inn and then we had to walk all the way  
9 down to the Hilton, that's four blocks. So I think, you  
10 know, the Federal agencies, the Staff should be aware  
11 that if we have to walk that far, that's a long ways to  
12 walk, there should be a better place to meet with the  
13 Board, like stay at maybe a better hotel because there  
14 was no meals or nothing at that hotel we stayed at,  
15 there's no coffee, no nothing and you have to find  
16 breakfast somewhere else.

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18           So on some of these meetings, the Chairs  
19 were very concerned about, at least a decent place to  
20 stay and meet in the same building.

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22           Now, if we have to bring the RAC to  
23 Anchorage, if you go through that situation it would be  
24 kind of an embarrassment to all of us if we have to make  
25 Lillian walk four blocks, you know, I think that doesn't  
26 make any sense. So if you have to have a meeting in  
27 Anchorage, you know, just put us in one hotel and the  
28 meeting in the same place, like that. It was a very,  
29 very concern for almost all the Chairs throughout Alaska.

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31           Tom, I think you're aware about this.

32 Tom.

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34           MR. BOYD: And on that point, Mr. Chair,  
35 we did look into that. I think our administrative Staff  
36 was working under the assumption that they had to work  
37 with those hotels where we had contractual arrangements  
38 and that's not the case. So we were going to be able to  
39 address that concern and remedy that situation so that  
40 you don't have to walk four blocks or stay at a distance.

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42           CHAIRMAN STONEY: Uh-huh.

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44           MR. BOYD: You can stay in the same hotel  
45 that the meeting is going on so that's been repaired.

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47           CHAIRMAN STONEY: Another thing that came  
48 up, Tom, was the hotel itself. See when you report in  
49 and register at the hotel, of course, you know, it's been  
50 paid by that agency that called this meeting and we'll

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1 stay there for two or three days in that hotel and you  
2 check out, well, they say, where's your money you got to  
3 pay and it's 3:00 or 4:00 o'clock in the morning and some  
4 of them got stuck right there with no money to pay their  
5 hotel room, well, it's supposed to be taken care of by  
6 the Federal government and it hasn't, they got stuck.  
7 And they said, if you don't pay now we'll call the police  
8 on you. You know there should be some way to clarify  
9 this to -- maybe it doesn't affect the Chairs but like  
10 the committees, like the RAC committee, they need some  
11 clarifications on that to register and then check out so  
12 they don't have to -- almost like a harassment. That  
13 should be clarified.

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15 That was a very concern to some of the  
16 RAC Chairs around Alaska.

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18 Did I miss anything Tom?

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20 MR. BOYD: I don't have any notes in  
21 front of me so I'm not sure. I think there were a number  
22 of administrative concerns that came to us. We've looked  
23 into all of them. Regarding the latter point that you  
24 raised, that's a miscommunication problem between the  
25 hotel and our administrative people. Things like that  
26 should not happen.

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28 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Uh-huh.

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30 MR. BOYD: They have happened in the  
31 past, particularly when we've had people passing through  
32 and having to stay overnight in Anchorage going to other  
33 locations and we have contractual arrangements with these  
34 hotels and sometimes they don't remember it or the person  
35 working at the desk doesn't know and these kinds of  
36 problems have come up. We're working to try to make sure  
37 that doesn't happen again.

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39 MR. FRIED: Mr. Chair.

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41 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Steve.

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43 MR. FRIED: When Helen gave me the  
44 packets to bring out here, she actually gave me copies of  
45 the contracts they have and the agreements with the  
46 hotels we stayed in and also here just in case there was  
47 that sort of a problem. So maybe it's possible to have  
48 somebody have a copy of this to show in case there is --  
49 and that's all these are, this is just a copy for  
50 information. She said if there was a problem at the



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1 hotel in town here, say if I have this so we could show  
2 them that we did have -- we didn't pay, so maybe that's  
3 all it would take.

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5 CHAIRMAN STONEY: I think that'd be a  
6 great help. Like for Lillian and I had to go to  
7 Anchorage for this meeting, just, you know bring down  
8 that document, the paper like that, signed by somebody.

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10 MR. FRIED: The hotel should have it but  
11 if they don't have it there maybe somebody else, like  
12 maybe the Chair or somebody in charge of that group --  
13 somebody would have one.

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15 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah.

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17 MR. FRIED: Yeah.

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19 CHAIRMAN STONEY: That'd be a great help  
20 because I got stuck right there and I wound up paying 400  
21 myself for these individuals sometimes, you know, just to  
22 try to help them out otherwise -- whoever was on duty at  
23 the hotel at 4:00 o'clock in the morning and I can't -- I  
24 can't Tom at 4:00 o'clock in the morning.

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26 MR. BOYD: You can.

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28 (Laughter)

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30 MR. BOYD: But I understand what you're  
31 saying.

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33 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Enoch.

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35 ATTAMUK: I travel for Maniilaq a lot.  
36 When I run into that problem, we got PO's Maniilaq and I  
37 use that and I get in with that. What they need is a  
38 copy of the purchase request, you get it with the hotel.

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40 MR. FRIED: Well, that's what that is.

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42 ATTAMUK: I never have problems with  
43 Maniilaq. When they start giving me a hard time I say,  
44 here's a copy of my PO, charge it to the PO because all  
45 workers in the hotel always don't communicate, the day  
46 versus the night. That's the problem they're running  
47 into here right here, real simple. Just give them a copy  
48 of the PO and you won't have the problem anymore.  
49 Problem solved.

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1           Okay, back to the bear parts. If you  
2 want input on the bear parts, I would recommend that they  
3 don't open or sell any kind of bear parts, even the  
4 caribou. I would go against it because it's going to be  
5 an open season, like they did with the antlers. You want  
6 input on it, there's mine and I hear it from different  
7 villages, not only me.

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9           CHAIRMAN STONEY: I think in this  
10 booklet, there's a proposal right?

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12          ATTAMUK: You were asking earlier about  
13 the bear parts, about this one here you had the Federal  
14 Subsistence Board meeting with the RAC Chairmans.

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16          CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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18          MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair.

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20          CHAIRMAN STONEY: Tom.

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22          MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair, I believe he was  
23 going over the -- I'm not sure but addressing one of the  
24 statewide proposals that the Board addressed last May; is  
25 that right Mr. Chair?

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27          ATTAMUK: He was requesting input from  
28 the Board here on the bears that the RAC Chairs had a  
29 meeting on.

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31          MR. BOYD: Okay.

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33          ATTAMUK: And what I heard from the  
34 people so far, they don't like the idea of any kind of  
35 parts being sold for money, for barter because that would  
36 make us look bad in the long run. I was getting back to  
37 the agenda.

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39          CHAIRMAN STONEY: Anything else, Tom?

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41          MR. BOYD: Yes, I was just going to say  
42 the Board did address that one proposal.

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44          CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah.

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46          MR. BOYD: And basically aligned with the  
47 State regarding the utilization of the fur of black  
48 bears. They could be sold only as handicraft items.

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50          MR. FRIED: Yes.

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1 MR. BOYD: And then they provided the  
2 definition of handicraft items. So I think there was  
3 concurrence from the Board with regard to the sentiment  
4 that's being expressed here. Maybe we shouldn't have  
5 that unregulated.

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7 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Is that it Tom?

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9 MR. BOYD: (Nods affirmatively)

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11 CHAIRMAN STONEY: On my final report, you  
12 know, to the committee, was -- I don't know if I will say  
13 it or not but there will be some increase on the RAC  
14 committees for Alaska, probably four or five years from  
15 now that includes the Northwest here. Of course there  
16 will be committee members from the transporters and  
17 guides, it's in effect right now, in the recruiting  
18 procedure. So right now we're just fine with -- I asked  
19 the question to Barbara and Helen, what's going to happen  
20 in the next two years about our committee here which is  
21 five of us? We got some people that, and in the process  
22 to fill in these two more seats.

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24 But however, there's another situation  
25 that came up, was the agency said that they'll introduce  
26 a situation where we'll increase to double, in fact, the  
27 transporters and guides will be on this committee. So  
28 otherwise right now we're due for elections of officers  
29 which I brought up a number of times now, since there's  
30 only just five of us, it seems like it's going to take  
31 another 18 months before we even think about electing  
32 leadership for the RAC committee. You know, this came  
33 before me, so I think that electing new officers would be  
34 a very excellent idea if we come to a full appointment.  
35 Like I say, we have -- how many will we be up to, will it  
36 be 13 for Northwest, Tom?

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38 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair, I'll be briefing  
39 you later in the meeting on the changes that you're  
40 referring to in terms of increase in the Council size.

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42 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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44 MR. BOYD: But it will be 10 total for  
45 this Council.

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47 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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49 MR. BOYD: And you're correct in  
50 observing that some of the members will come from the

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1 recreational and commercial side of things.

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3 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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5 MR. BOYD: And regarding the vacant seats  
6 that currently exist, you have seven members and two  
7 vacancies. We are working right now to fill those seats.  
8 We have several applicants for this region and I don't  
9 have the schedule in front of me but some time soon, this  
10 winter, the Board will be developing their  
11 recommendations that will go forward to the Secretary of  
12 the Interior to make selections and our goal is to have  
13 those seats filled by next meeting which will be in the  
14 winter or the course of the spring, the February/March  
15 time frame.

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17 CHAIRMAN STONEY: That's a good thing. I  
18 know that somebody will ask the question, they'll  
19 probably ask you who are they? You probably don't know  
20 this, it's not public yet so we won't mention no names.

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22 MR. BOYD: Well, we just have the names  
23 of the candidates and the recommendations haven't been  
24 developed yet and the Secretary's the one that's got to  
25 decide anyway so we're several months away from a  
26 decision.

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28 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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30 MR. BOYD: I've been assured by the  
31 Office of the Secretary that once they receive our  
32 recommendations they will move forward fairly quickly to  
33 make those selections.

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35 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Enoch.

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37 ATTAMUK: Yeah, I got a question. The  
38 people you pick to replace the two that need to be  
39 filled, do you just the agencies decide who the two are  
40 going to be or do we have any input who you pick?  
41 Because we know the people a lot more than you do here,  
42 the villages that will be represented, you know.

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44 MR. BOYD: Well, Mr. Chair, the selection  
45 process sort of goes like this. We solicit for  
46 applications, anyone from the region can submit their  
47 names in the applications or someone can nominate someone  
48 from the region. We take that list and we convene a  
49 local interagency panel that goes out and basically  
50 screens the candidates by talking to references,

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1 interviewing the candidates themselves and talking to key  
2 contacts in the region about the candidates. And based  
3 on that information, they develop a recommendation based  
4 on a set of criteria that they're looking for, the  
5 qualities that they're looking for in the individual.  
6 They develop a recommendation that goes forward to the  
7 Federal Subsistence Board. The Board takes a look at  
8 that information and develops their own recommendation,  
9 the Board doesn't decide even and then that  
10 recommendation, along with all of the other candidates  
11 and their names and the information about them goes  
12 forward to the Secretary of the Interior and the  
13 Secretary of the Interior is the person that makes the  
14 decision.

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16           There is no step in the process that  
17 allows those names to come back before the Council. I  
18 think we believe that would constitute kind of a  
19 conflict.

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21           ATTAMUK: I could hold a secret for a  
22 couple of months, I think.

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24           MR. BOYD: Yeah.

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26           ATTAMUK: I mean I'm capable.

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28           MR. BOYD: Yeah. Well, that's the  
29 process that we've followed for the past 10 years  
30 basically. And the intent was not to have the Council  
31 select themselves but the idea of getting local input was  
32 clearly part of the process so that we talk to people in  
33 the region and, you know, hopefully people in the know,  
34 people that have been listed by the candidate as  
35 references for them so that we get an idea, you know, who  
36 to recommend.

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38           It's not a perfect process but it is, we  
39 think, a pretty good process.

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41           I'll be briefing you further on the  
42 changes that are coming.

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44           CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. That's the end  
45 of my report. Any questions from the RAC committee  
46 before we take a break.? If not, let's take a break,  
47 take 15 minutes, five or 10 after. Break time.

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49           (Off record)

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1 (On record)

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3 CHAIRMAN STONEY: There's lots of coffee,  
4 lots of rolls and I'll call the meeting back to order.

5 We're still at the Chair's report, we're on No. 7, the  
6 .805 letter. It's in your packet on Tab D. So I'll have  
7 Tom brief us on this .805 letter.

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9 MR. BOYD: Well, I think the letter  
10 itself is just there to inform you of what the Board  
11 actions were regarding the statewide proposals and the  
12 proposals from your region. Do you want me to go through  
13 this or is it self-explanatory, Mr. Chair?

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15 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Well, if there's any  
16 concerns from the committee this is the time to ask Tom  
17 about the .805 letter. It's in your packet right there  
18 on Tab D.

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20 MR. BOYD: These were also mailed out to  
21 all the Council members in the summer.

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23 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Take a few minutes and  
24 go through the letter.

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26 ATTAMUK: Raymond.

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28 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah.

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30 ATTAMUK: Could I back up a little bit  
31 here, Enoch here -- could I back up a little bit here on  
32 the two other people we're going to pick, Tom, I asked  
33 you earlier. And under FACA, I think we should be  
34 involved, at least, one here from the RAC Board on the  
35 people that's going to -- that two -- the two vacant  
36 seats, the process. Is there a possibility where someone  
37 from the Board here could be involved in the process of  
38 the two? I know we don't pick the two people on the  
39 final. At least somebody -- it would be nice here if you  
40 could change it somewhere, because I don't see it  
41 anywhere that it has to be just by the agencies, you  
42 know.

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44 Where does it say that it has to just be  
45 from the agencies, I'd like to see that?

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47 MR. BOYD: Well, I think it's a general  
48 practice. We haven't involved the Councils or members of  
49 the Councils in the selection.

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1 ATTAMUK: General practices could be  
2 changed.

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4 MR. BOYD: And I can't commit to you a  
5 change like that. I think I'd have to have that  
6 discussion with the Board. I'm just telling you the  
7 practice as it's currently set up and how we do this. So  
8 I can't give you an answer, I guess, Mr. Shiedt but I can  
9 ask the question and I can get back to you.

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11 ATTAMUK: And I'd like to hear it.

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13 MR. BOYD: Yeah.

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15 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Any other comments on  
16 that letter, the .805. Tom, are you done?

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18 MR. BOYD: Yes, sir.

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20 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. We'll go down to  
21 the next item, 8, Fisheries Proposal for Council review  
22 and recommendation to the Federal Subsistence Board, it's  
23 on Tab E. Tom, got anything?

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25 MR. BOYD: Item 8?

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27 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Fisheries Proposals for  
28 Council review and recommendation.

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30 MR. BOYD: Okay. These are the proposals  
31 that come before us for changing the fisheries  
32 regulations. There are two of them, Proposal 27 and 28  
33 that we have prepared Staff analysis on that we're  
34 prepared to go through with you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Fried is  
35 going to do that.

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37 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Thank you.

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39 MR. BOYD: And the procedure, suggested  
40 procedure for presentation and comments from the various  
41 entities here are listed there in the box.

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43 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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45 MR. BOYD: So we can introduce the  
46 proposal and the analysis and Mr. Fried is ready to do  
47 that.

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49 CHAIRMAN STONEY: You're going to  
50 introduce them?

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1 MR. FRIED: Yes.

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3 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Steve.

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5 MR. FRIED: Do you want me to begin?

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7 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah.

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9 MR. FRIED: Okay. There's two statewide  
10 fisheries regulatory proposals and they're both under Tab  
11 E in your books. The first one is Proposal FP03-27.

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13 What it would do would be to allow the  
14 harvest of fish for food and traditional ceremonies when  
15 the season is closed. Currently there is a regulation  
16 under wildlife to allow this but there's not a similar  
17 regulation for fisheries. And so basically this would  
18 only take effect when a season was closed, otherwise, you  
19 know, these needs could be met during a regular  
20 subsistence fishing period but if there was a closure  
21 where something like that occurred and there was a need  
22 for fish for a traditional ceremony this regulation would  
23 allow that to occur and there would be certain things  
24 that would have to be -- the people who wanted to harvest  
25 the fish would need to do under this regulation.

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27 Let's see, right now it's done on a case  
28 by case basis, people can still ask the Board to allow  
29 it, this would just allow it, you know, under regulation.

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31 These are talking points that were  
32 provided by George Sherrod.

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34 The effect of the proposal -- the Staff  
35 analysis was to support the proposal, there was a little  
36 bit of a change in the wording, the proposal's author  
37 requested that the word and in the phrase open seasons  
38 and harvested in the first sentence would be open season  
39 or harvest limits so it would be less restrictive because  
40 if you had and it would look like the season had to be  
41 open and there had to be a harvest limit but this could  
42 be either way. So if you wanted to go over a harvest  
43 limit to take fish for a ceremonial purpose then you  
44 could be allowed to do that. And even if the season was  
45 closed, you know, the same way, so that would just make  
46 it broader.

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48 The proposal would make sure that it  
49 didn't violate any principles of fisheries conservation  
50 so that if there was a fishstock that was in trouble,



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1 that, you know, the manager would probably direct the  
2 person to another stock that harvest could be taken from  
3 rather than that stock.

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5           The other thing that would have to be  
6 done is that for people to take fish under this  
7 regulation, would have to within 15 days after the  
8 harvest, submit a written report to the manager that  
9 would tell, you know, providing their name, their  
10 address, the number and types of fish take and what they  
11 were taken for. So there's really no permit but you have  
12 to get in touch with the manager first to request that  
13 this be allowed and then 15 days after the harvest  
14 occurred actually, you know, call or send in report --  
15 you'd have to send in a written report that would say  
16 what was taken and for who and why.

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18           So you know, if there's any other  
19 questions I mean that's basically a summary.

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21           CHAIRMAN STONEY: Any questions.

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23           ATTAMUK: Yeah, I got a question.

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25           MR. FRIED: Sure.

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27           ATTAMUK: It didn't say on our Unit 23  
28 here so I'm not really concerned. But I thought under  
29 subsistence we could take our fish because you're talking  
30 about 25 salmon here and you're not -- it's not saying  
31 what kind of salmon because we deal here mainly in chum,  
32 you know, and we got no -- we don't have any problems  
33 with our salmon, we're not like normal other places here.  
34 And it don't mention our Unit 23 completely so see I'm  
35 done on the regulatory history on the management units 1  
36 through 25, except 23 and I'm in Unit 23. And it allows  
37 only 25 salmon -- because when we -- Susan Georgette did  
38 a survey here, we harvest as much as 90,000 in the  
39 Northwest Arctic region, that's Unit 23, being harvested  
40 for subsistence.

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42           MR. FRIED: I guess I'm not following  
43 you. Is there someplace within this particular proposed  
44 regulation where it's.....

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46           ATTAMUK: It says right here, right in  
47 front after 2003-27 you go further down on the first  
48 paragraph A, last sentence, no more than 25 salmon or  
49 five steelhead.

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1 MR. FRIED: Uh-huh.

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3 ATTAMUK: You know we don't worry about  
4 it, that's what I'm saying.

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6 MR. FRIED: Okay.

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8 ATTAMUK: Why is it in front of us when  
9 we don't have no concern when it don't mention Unit 23.

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11 MR. FRIED: Well, I think it's statewide  
12 regulation. If you don't -- you know, it covers -- it's  
13 all fish, not just salmon.

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15 ATTAMUK: Yeah, on that same draft  
16 analysis on 27 when they mention the units on here and  
17 the units under regulatory history, we're left out on 23.

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19 MR. FRIED: You're left out. So does  
20 that need to be.....

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22 ATTAMUK: It's on Page 40.

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24 MR. FRIED: Does that need to be added?

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26 ATTAMUK: Maybe we ought to ask.....

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28 MR. FRIED: Regulatory history units, I  
29 see what you mean. It says units and it lists, it goes  
30 22, 24 and 25.

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32 ATTAMUK: There's no 23 in here.

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34 MR. FRIED: No 23.

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36 ATTAMUK: See, no.....

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38 MR. FRIED: Oh, this is for wildlife.

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40 ATTAMUK: Yeah, it's for wildlife, yes.

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42 MR. FRIED: Okay, okay, I misunderstood.  
43 So you're saying that you might need a wildlife proposal?

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45 ATTAMUK: I don't know, we have to --  
46 maybe we should ask our biologist over here what's  
47 supposed to.....

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49 MR. FRIED: Okay. This is just a fish  
50 proposal so this wouldn't do anything for the wildlife.

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1 ATTAMUK: Uh-huh.

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3 MR. FRIED: But if you wanted to do -- if  
4 there wasn't a wildlife proposal in place to do this for  
5 game then there is, you know, wildlife proposals are due,  
6 I think by October 15th so you might want to consider  
7 putting a proposal if it's really needed in this and this  
8 is just not something that's been overlooked in the  
9 history.

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11 ATTAMUK: Yeah.

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13 MR. BOYD: Well, I think it already  
14 exists.

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16 CHAIRMAN STONEY: One thing I overlooked  
17 here, you know, before we go any further, those of you  
18 that want lunch here it says \$8 lunch, put your name on a  
19 sheet right here as it's passed around to you.

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21 ATTAMUK: Is the Chairman buying?

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23 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Uh?

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25 ATTAMUK: The Chairman buying?

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27 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah.

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29 MR. FRIED: Anybody that wants, I can  
30 start passing this around.

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32 CHAIRMAN STONEY: You're still with your  
33 introduction so before we go to the departments.

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35 MR. FRIED: All right. Proposal 27  
36 doesn't include lunch.

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38 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, are you done with  
39 your introduction?

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41 MR. FRIED: Excuse me?

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43 CHAIRMAN STONEY: You're done, uh, with  
44 the introduction of the proposal?

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46 MR. FRIED: Right. I mean unless you  
47 want to hear if there were comments from Department of  
48 Fish and Game or other agency comments or any kind of  
49 public comments. There weren't any written public  
50 comments that were put in on this but there might be

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1 comments from other agencies.

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3 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Right now on  
4 these proposals, we have to go through the departments.  
5 Number 1 is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
6 comments.

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8 MR. MAGDANZ: Mr. Chairman, Fish and Game  
9 in Kotzebue. The Department's neutral on this proposal  
10 on a statewide basis. I would comment that in Northwest  
11 Alaska there are no seasons and bag limits for the  
12 subsistence taking of fish so you may take an unlimited  
13 number at any time. The only limitation that we have are  
14 on the types of gear that can be used and how they may be  
15 used. So this proposal, as Enoch points out, would  
16 actually be a restriction on the take for funerary  
17 purposes in this region and so it would reflect not a  
18 liberalization of regulations but a restriction which I  
19 don't think is what it would effect -- how it would  
20 effect fishing in other places.

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22 Mr. Chair.

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24 MR. LEAN: Mr. Chair.

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26 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Charlie.

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28 MR. LEAN: Mr. Chair, thank you. You  
29 know, the intent here is to provide an exception for  
30 ceremonial uses in a statewide perspective. And it was a  
31 way to provide for ceremonial use when it might be  
32 curtailed otherwise. This could potentially come into  
33 play if we had a particularly bad season up here and  
34 regulations and restrictions were put in place. That's  
35 never happened. You know, it's not anything on the  
36 horizon that I'm aware of.

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38 But that's the situation that current  
39 regulation would allow any Alaska resident to go or  
40 within the Federal system, any local resident to go  
41 fishing and catch an unlimited number of fish for a  
42 subsistence use. So I don't think this would come into  
43 play unless you were in a restrictive mode and I don't  
44 believe it is -- in practice I don't believe it would  
45 constitute a restriction on your activity.

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47 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Any questions to  
48 the State? Any questions for Jim and Charlie? There's  
49 none. Other agencies on this proposal. Agency comments.  
50 If not, Fish and Game Advisory Committee comments, we got

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1 anybody from the Advisory Committee? We're almost to the  
2 last, it says, open floor for public comments on Proposal  
3 27. I guess Steve already brought that up. Open floor  
4 for public comments on these two proposals.

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6 MR. FRIED: Right, there weren't any  
7 written comments.

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9 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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11 MR. FRIED: I don't know if there's  
12 anybody here that wants to comment.

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14 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Regional Council  
15 deliberation, recommendations and justifications. We  
16 have to go through these individual, right, 27 and 28?

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18 MR. FRIED: Right.

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20 MR. BOYD: Yes.

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22 MR. FRIED: We're on 27 now so you can  
23 discuss 27 and then decide whether or not you'd like to  
24 approve it or you'd like to modify it and then approve it  
25 or disapprove it or take no action on it.

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27 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Proposal FP200327, it's  
28 been on the table for quite some time now, hasn't it,  
29 this Proposal 27?

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31 MR. FRIED: Not to my knowledge. Like I  
32 mentioned, there's a similar proposal for wildlife  
33 management uses but there hasn't been a proposal for  
34 fisheries usage for ceremonial purposes. And I mean  
35 there's been special actions in the past that have  
36 allowed this but this would allow a manager to do it and,  
37 you know, it would be under regulation and it would make  
38 it easier to do.

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40 And I don't know, in response to the  
41 limit on 25 salmon, I don't have an answer for that. I'm  
42 assuming that since this would be in times of a closure  
43 or some kind of a resource problem, maybe that's why they  
44 did that. I suppose you could recommend that it be  
45 increased.

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47 ATTAMUK: I got no problem approving this  
48 because certain -- we don't have potlatches for  
49 ceremonial purposes. But if it do come up -- they do  
50 decrease the fish in the future just for subsistence

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1 purposes, I would back this up. Otherwise for our  
2 purposes, we don't -- like the Interior, we don't treat  
3 our animals like that, you know, for religious purposes,  
4 we just eat it for subsistence, it's for survival  
5 purposes, so I can't see a real - I could support them  
6 guys. But under Unit 23 I wouldn't because we got no  
7 real concern unless our fish do decline in the future.  
8 And at the time they do decline we would probably address  
9 it at that time anyhow.

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11 So what you need is approval from us? I  
12 mean we need to either back this up or oppose it or no  
13 comment or what do you want from us?

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15 MR. FRIED: Right. You can either  
16 support it just the way it is. You can support it but  
17 you can modify it. You can oppose it if you don't want  
18 it, you know, if you don't think it should be in  
19 regulation or you can take no action.

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21 ATTAMUK: Uh-huh.

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23 MR. FRIED: If you think it doesn't have  
24 any effect on your area then you can just, you know, it's  
25 up to you.

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27 MR. BALLOT: Or you can remain neutral.

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29 MR. AREY: No action.

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31 ATTAMUK: No action.

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33 CHAIRMAN STONEY: You like that Percy?

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35 MR. BALLOT: He's got it.

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37 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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39 MR. BALLOT: Mr. Chairman, you don't need  
40 a motion for doing anything, right, or do you need it --  
41 is there.....

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43 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Well, it says, review  
44 and recommendations, you know, do you need an action on  
45 this for recommendation?

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47 MR. BOYD: Yes.

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49 MR. FRIED: Yeah, it would probably be a  
50 good idea to.....

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: For the books, uh?

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3 MR. FRIED: Yeah.

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5 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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7 MR. FRIED: Just to document it.

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9 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, that's what we're  
10 here for.

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12 MR. BALLOT: Mr. Chairman.

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14 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Percy.

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16 MR. BALLOT: I'll move that we move not  
17 to take any action on Proposal FP2003-27.

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19 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. There's a motion  
20 from Percy to not take action on Proposal FP2003-27.  
21 Motion from Percy to not take action at this time.

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23 ATTAMUK: I'll second it.

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25 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Second by Enoch.  
26 Further discussions.

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28 MR. BALLOT: Question.

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30 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Question been called  
31 for. Any objection to the question? If none, say aye  
32 approving the motion by Percy for not taking action on  
33 Proposal FP2003-27 signify by saying aye.

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35 IN UNISON: Aye.

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37 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Opposed.

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39 (No opposing votes)

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41 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. No action taken  
42 on 27. Go to the next proposal, it's 28. Proposal FP03-  
43 28.

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45 MR. FRIED: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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47 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Steve.

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49 MR. FRIED: I will do this one, too.

50 This one basically is for streamlining in-season

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1 fisheries special actions. This was submitted by the  
2 Office of Subsistence Management to streamline the  
3 Federal Subsistence Board special action process whenever  
4 State and Federal fisheries managers agree to take the  
5 same in-season action on a fishery.

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7           So basically if the State and the Federal  
8 managers agree to close an area or do something else,  
9 they both agree on it then the State would issue an  
10 emergency order and the Federal government -- right now  
11 it would actually have to then go and issue a special  
12 action even though they're doing the same thing, it's  
13 just on Federal lands. What this regulation would allow  
14 to happen is that if the State and Federal managers  
15 agree, the State would issue an emergency order and the  
16 Federal manager wouldn't have to issue a special action.

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18           The Federal manager still has authority  
19 to issue a special action but they'd only do it when they  
20 differed in what they think should be done for a fishery  
21 from what the State manager would do, otherwise there  
22 would just be a State emergency order and the Federal  
23 regulations would just go along with that.

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25           It doesn't really change the process  
26 itself. You know, Regional Councils and the public will  
27 still be involved in Federal decision-making. The  
28 Federal fisheries managers would still need to consult  
29 with subsistence users and the other groups when it  
30 developed recommendations and still the Regional Advisory  
31 Council or the public can always appeal a Federal  
32 management opinion to the Board if they think it's  
33 necessary.

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35           And the reason this proposal was made was  
36 to try to eliminate redundancy and make the process  
37 simpler. For example, this really applies at this point  
38 mostly to the Yukon/Kuskokwim region. So like in 2001,  
39 the Federal government issued -- Federal managers issued  
40 27 special actions for that fishery in 2001, only one of  
41 those was different from the State emergency orders. So  
42 instead of the manger having to issue 27 special actions  
43 in that case, he'd have to issue one only in the case  
44 where they differed.

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46           And also it was felt this might reduce  
47 confusion because there really was some confusion because  
48 there is some delay for a Federal special action to come,  
49 to be announced and to enacted. And often times in that  
50 fishery what happens was it would come out and then all



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1 of a sudden there was another regulatory change and they  
2 were kind of a little bit behind things so people might  
3 get confused.

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5           There was, in 2002, just as an interim  
6 try, the Federal Subsistence Board did approve this type  
7 of a process for the Yukon/Kuskokwim fishing season and  
8 it was done after consulting the three Councils for that  
9 region, the Western Interior, the Eastern Interior and  
10 Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Council and they supported at least  
11 trying it for one year. And although the full results  
12 aren't in yet the in-season managers both Federal and  
13 State felt that it worked well down there. It could be  
14 premature to use this for fisheries statewide and there's  
15 two concerns that have been voiced. Some people have  
16 indicated that maybe this process might actually make an  
17 additional burden for the managers, for the Federal  
18 managers because if a Federal manager didn't immediately  
19 issue a special action when the State issued an emergency  
20 order, you know, and if they disagreed with the State's  
21 emergency order then the State's emergency order, under  
22 this regulation, would automatically go into effect until  
23 the Federal manager issued a special action so there  
24 could be, you know, a lag between those sorts of  
25 situations.

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27           And also there is a Federal/State  
28 Memorandum of Agreement being developed for regulatory  
29 processes to manage fisheries and they're working on this  
30 and the results might be incorporated into a Memorandum  
31 of Agreement in time for use for the 2003 season. So  
32 there might actually be something in place that the State  
33 and Federal governments agree upon through this process  
34 also.

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36           So what happened was the Staff analysis  
37 actually supported adoption of the proposal but only for  
38 the Yukon and Kuskokwim regions. So that was their  
39 recommendation. So if, in fact, that modification was  
40 made to this proposal then it wouldn't effect your region  
41 at all. I don't know if that's a big confusing but I  
42 guess what you can discuss is whether or not you want to  
43 take action on this. And just for your information the  
44 North Slope Council decided to not take action on this  
45 and so it was just going to be -- it was mostly directed  
46 towards the Yukon/Kuskokwim area.

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48           Questions.

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50           ATTAMUK: Yeah, I got a question.

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Enoch.

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3 ATTAMUK: Attamuk here. I got a -- their  
4 RAC Board, what their RAC Board think of this proposal  
5 here, 28, from that unit there?

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7 MR. FRIED: Oh, from.....

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9 ATTAMUK: Yukon, yeah.

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11 MR. FRIED: They haven't met yet. I have  
12 a feeling since they did support trying it last year, you  
13 know, for one year.....

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15 ATTAMUK: Uh-huh.

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17 MR. FRIED: .....and the indication now  
18 is that they probably would support it but I don't know  
19 for sure because they haven't had their meeting yet.

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21 ATTAMUK: Because it's hard for me to  
22 support something that is not even supported by the RAC  
23 Board themselves.

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25 MR. FRIED: Yeah.

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27 ATTAMUK: Because we might support it and  
28 we don't know what we're really supporting because it's  
29 out of our unit and it's a different board.

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31 MR. FRIED: Right.

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33 ATTAMUK: If their RAC Board supported  
34 it, I probably would support this. But like North Slope,  
35 I would say, you know, I would not support this.

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37 MR. FRIED: Right.

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39 ATTAMUK: Because I don't know how the  
40 people there feel.

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42 MR. FRIED: Uh-huh.

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44 ATTAMUK: Because I could be supporting  
45 against some completely.

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47 MR. FRIED: That was the concern that the  
48 North Slope Council had.

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50 ATTAMUK: Yeah.

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1 MR. FRIED: I mean actually the  
2 regulation now, it actually would be statewide. The  
3 Staff recommendation was actually to modify it just for  
4 Yukon/Kuskokwim.

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6 ATTAMUK: And I got a question, the lag  
7 time between the State versus the Federal because I know  
8 the Federal have to go through the process of talking to  
9 the public and by the time we talk to the public the fish  
10 will go by anyhow, see, or does your action take within  
11 24 hours? That's another question I'm going to have  
12 because I know the State, they want to close it, the  
13 Federal got to talk to the public, input.

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15 MR. BOYD: Well, both the State and the  
16 Federal entities are talking to the various users.

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18 ATTAMUK: Uh-huh.

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20 MR. BOYD: That is certainly a factor. I  
21 think the biggest factor is that from the decision to the  
22 publication the special action, notification.....

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24 ATTAMUK: Uh-huh.

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26 MR. BOYD: .....it just takes a bit  
27 longer with the Federal process right now. Maybe we need  
28 to look at that too in terms of streamlining.

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30 ATTAMUK: Because the fish takes two to  
31 three weeks to go by, by the time you went through the  
32 process they'll be all long gone except for the ones on  
33 the upper river of the Yukon.

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35 MR. BOYD: It's quicker than that. It's  
36 generally maybe a day or two.

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38 MR. FRIED: Uh-huh.

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40 MR. BOYD: I would suggest that you look  
41 at this as to how it might effect your region as opposed  
42 to the Yukon and Kuskokwim. It is a statewide proposal.  
43 If you don't feel that it's appropriate for your region,  
44 I'd address it in that fashion.

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46 ATTAMUK: Is it possible to hear from the  
47 other boards, me, I would like to take no action because  
48 I don't know what the other RAC Boards feel about this.

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50 MR. BALLOT: Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Percy.

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3 MR. BALLOT: Percy Ballot. I was just  
4 wondering is there going to be an effect on public  
5 process as far as the regulations or anything, whether  
6 State or Federal, would there be any changes, have any  
7 effect on what's going on?

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9 MR. FRIED: It's not supposed to have any  
10 effect on that process at all.

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12 MR. BOYD: I think the intent here is to  
13 have one announcement go out as opposed to two that say  
14 the same thing. We don't want to confuse people by  
15 seeing two different announcements, well, they're  
16 supposed to say the same thing when they agree anyway but  
17 it's just a matter of eliminating redundancy or two  
18 different messages that say the same thing.

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20 ATTAMUK: When is the Federal going to  
21 completely takeover on the management of all species?

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23 (Laughter)

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25 ATTAMUK: I mean we wouldn't go through  
26 this process with the State.

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28 MR. BOYD: Well, because of the way these  
29 colors are on this map, I don't think we ever will.

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31 (Laughter)

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33 ATTAMUK: I'm colorblind. Just like the  
34 fish I'm colorblind. I go to any river I want to go to.

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36 MR. BOYD: I understand.

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38 MR. MAGDANZ: Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Go ahead, Jim.

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42 MR. MAGDANZ: I just wanted to put the  
43 State's comments on the record here. ADF&G supports this  
44 proposal. I will make the comment that, like Proposal  
45 27, this proposal is moot really at the present time for  
46 this unit. Because we have no restrictions on  
47 subsistence fishing, seasons and bag limits which are  
48 what usually emergency orders affect. So I'm not aware  
49 in my 20 years up here that we've ever issued an  
50 emergency order for the Kotzebue district. Charlie might

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1 refresh my memory but I don't think we have ever  
2 encountered a situation here where we would have needed  
3 to take this coordination effort.

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5 Mr. Chair.

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7 CHAIRMAN STONEY: That's a good point,  
8 Jim. You know, like my history of being up here in this  
9 area all my life, that there's no such emergency order  
10 for any types of fish for closure.

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12 MR. MAGDANZ: For subsistence.

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14 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Right.

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16 MR. MAGDANZ: Commercial fishing is  
17 different

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19 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Right now we got enough  
20 salmon at Noatak and Kobuk that's waiting to be picked  
21 up. And then you wanted action on this also and  
22 recommendations, on this Proposal 28?

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24 MR. FRIED: Yes, Mr. Chairman. As long  
25 as there's no other comments. There's no written public  
26 comments.

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28 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Any further comments  
29 from the public, the departments on this proposal FP2003-  
30 28.

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32 MR. GOODWIN: Mr. Chairman, I have a  
33 question.

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35 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Willie.

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37 MR. GOODWIN: Okay, our regulations right  
38 now in the area have, there's no restrictions on  
39 subsistence. The State comes in with a proposal for the  
40 emergency order to close whitefish somewhere and ours say  
41 stay, keep fishing. Now, this regulation, am I correct  
42 in saying that if they say close that type of  
43 whitefishing in this area that the Federal managers would  
44 comply?

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46 MR. FRIED: No. What would happen, if  
47 they disagreed, they'd have to issue a special action.

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49 MR. GOODWIN: A special action to keep it  
50 open?

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1 MR. FRIED: Yeah, under this one I think  
2 they would because.....

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4 MR. GOODWIN: See, it makes it more  
5 confusing.....

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7 MR. FRIED: .....wouldn't they?

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9 MR. GOODWIN: .....that's the point I  
10 want to make to you guys.

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12 MR. FRIED: Am I missing something?  
13 Because this one would say.....

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15 MR. GOODWIN: I mean I'd be fishing out  
16 there, say in Selawik, all right, I hear the State  
17 emergency order closing.....

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19 MR. FRIED: I don't know if they'd need a  
20 special action, they might have to.....

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22 MR. GOODWIN: .....and I'm fishing -- let  
23 me finish here.

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25 MR. FRIED: Sorry.

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27 MR. GOODWIN: I'm out there fishing, I  
28 hear this special action on the radio from the State side  
29 and I'm on Federal lands and I want to keep fishing, I'll  
30 keep fishing because until the Federal manager says stop  
31 I'll keep going. That's what I'm saying.

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33 MR. FRIED: Yeah, I know. Yeah, I know  
34 what you're saying.

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36 MR. GOODWIN: So if the RAC passes this,  
37 then I'd have to stop up there fishing. I'd have to stop  
38 fishing because it streamlines the process, he doesn't  
39 have to go through the process of Federal action. He's  
40 working in the office here in Kotzebue, he don't care,  
41 you know, if I'm out there a hundred miles out there  
42 fishing until I come to town, which is probably rare.

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44 So where's my ANILCA protection is what  
45 I'm saying. Thank you.

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47 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Tom.

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49 MR. BOYD: I think, as usual, Willie  
50 makes a good point and stretches my thinking a bit on

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1 this. But I mean the process is set up to work so that  
2 there is dialogue between the Federal and the State  
3 managers before any actions are taken. And generally  
4 speaking, I don't believe that the State is going to  
5 close any areas unless there's a reason to do so and will  
6 be probably talking about that. I mean as previously  
7 been said there haven't been any emergency orders issued  
8 in this area in anyone's memory, at least in this room.  
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10 But my vision of this is that if we  
11 differ there will be a Federal -- there will be some  
12 Federal accountability for a decision and there will be  
13 some State decision obviously and that will be made  
14 known. I don't know what the mechanism is but I think  
15 you make a good point in terms of how we articulate that  
16 and I really don't know. But I would think that where we  
17 differ that there would be a positive Federal  
18 announcement to clarify what the Federal regulations are.  
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21 MR. GOODWIN: Mr. Chairman, not according  
22 to the way I read the proposed regulation. It just says  
23 the Federal manager will be silent. It's just we'll rely  
24 on the State announcement. That's what I'm saying.  
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26 MR. FRIED: I think there are problems  
27 like this, it hasn't been totally worked out. And I  
28 think that's why the Staff recommendation was to support  
29 it only for the Yukon/Kuskokwim and probably only for the  
30 salmon fisheries for the most part. Because they've  
31 tried it there a year and it appears to work so I think  
32 that's where the Staff recommendation came from, it's not  
33 all these little, you know, little subtleties have been  
34 worked out yet. And like I said, the State and the  
35 Federal agencies are working together on a Memorandum of  
36 Agreement on how to handle this.  
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38 CHAIRMAN STONEY: So we need some  
39 clarification on this issue. Like you said, I'm glad to  
40 hear this, you said that the State and the Federal are  
41 working together on this proposal just in case there was  
42 an emergency order that has to be done up herein Unit 23,  
43 otherwise -- otherwise, like Willie said it'd be kind of  
44 a conflict to him if he's fishing a hundred miles away  
45 and then the State closes it and the Feds said no, you  
46 can't do that. So there should be some communication  
47 directly with the two agencies if they have to make a  
48 closure for some reason.  
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50 MR. FRIED: Right. No, you're absolutely

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1 right. And I think, you know, there have been a lot of  
2 efforts to make sure that State and Federal agencies are  
3 talking to each other and they are working on an  
4 agreement that would develop procedures on how to better  
5 manage fisheries and one of these, you know, addresses  
6 just this streamline process. So I guess the Council  
7 could either -- you know, if they supported it the way it  
8 was, without modification, this would take effect  
9 statewide, if they supported it with the modification it  
10 would only be for the Yukon/Kuskokwim or if they don't  
11 like it they can oppose it or table it.

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13 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Willie, are you  
14 satisfied with what he just said among the two  
15 governments, they'd work cooperatively if there happened  
16 to be an emergency closure?

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18 MR. GOODWIN: Yeah, I mean that will  
19 work. You know, as long as they let us know. You know,  
20 but what I'm -- I guess I'm not overly concerned about it  
21 right now, you know, in our region. But all of us know  
22 we have an occurring problem that's getting worse and  
23 worse every year and that's the beavers.

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25 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah.

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27 MR. GOODWIN: Now, if all of a sudden we  
28 find out we have a crash in the whitefish out there  
29 because of the beavers, you know, that's when the  
30 problem's going to start. That's what I'm looking at,  
31 ahead, not the present situation we have right now.

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33 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah.

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35 MR. GOODWIN: But I'm worried that if we  
36 have a regulation as such up here we may have some  
37 problems later on.

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39 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, thanks Willie.  
40 Enoch, you had something.

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42 ATTAMUK: Yeah. And just to add on here  
43 in our different drainages from Kivalina to Selawik, you  
44 know, we got different whitefish and if they say  
45 whitefish we got five different kinds, you know, ciscos,  
46 humpies and the other kind of whitefish. And say if they  
47 put a regulation to say we got to quit fishing these fish  
48 you're going to talk about the whole Unit 23 and if  
49 there's no problem toward Kivalina and Noatak but you'd  
50 have to close it unless you use the wording drainage of



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1 Selawik area, Noatak and Kivalina, I don't know if  
2 there's any whitefish in Buckland, that I don't know and  
3 Deering. See, these drainages and there's all the other  
4 sloughs, too. But like Willie states, beaver are coming  
5 in and the problem occurs sometimes the beaver is all the  
6 way to Point Hope now. And we're going to have problems.

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8 We need to have better understanding of  
9 this proposal here. And we need to work this out  
10 somehow.

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12 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Charlie.

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14 MR. LEAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm  
15 Charlie Lean. I guess I was out of the room when some  
16 things happened. The State has not put subsistence  
17 closures or bag restrictions down for subsistence in the  
18 Kotzebue region yet, in the Kotzebue district. There's  
19 always the possibility they might. In the Yukon and the  
20 Kuskokwim those things happen on an increasing basis and  
21 this regulation came into being because there was  
22 dissatisfaction with both the Federal and the State  
23 agencies in how they were managing and how there was the  
24 lag time between their actions and there was -- it made  
25 it appear that they weren't in agreement.

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27 And also they involved the three  
28 different RACs and maybe even more than that and involved  
29 numerous advisory committees in their process. And the  
30 difference here in the Kotzebue district is that there  
31 hasn't been this interaction between the advisory groups  
32 and the managers and the managers haven't come up with a  
33 policy either between themselves, between the State and  
34 the Federal government. So I think what Steve has  
35 already said was that this process is being tried out on  
36 the Yukon and Kuskokwim, that's the suggestion of the  
37 Staff and there they have the support of the local  
38 advisory groups. We haven't done all the steps that they  
39 have. I think this may be something we want to consider  
40 in the future but I think it would be premature to jump  
41 on this bandwagon until we've had a discussion and tried  
42 to describe what our issues were and when this might come  
43 into effect and it would help assure people here that we  
44 weren't going to, you know, just go along with a closure  
45 that was unreasonable.

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47 So I think there's a half step here that,  
48 you know, you could either go along with just the limited  
49 idea of Yukon/Kuskokwim or not at all. The Staff wasn't  
50 saying that this was the proper step yet for the Kotzebue

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1 district.

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3 ATTAMUK: I think here from Unit 23, I  
4 think we could come up with something better about  
5 identifying our concerns with this proposal. I would  
6 just completely table this. And we don't have to go to  
7 another unit or outside our region where we have no  
8 concern, just keep it here in our unit. Because I don't  
9 want outsiders deciding how I should fish in my area  
10 completely or when I should open to close when I don't  
11 have any concern on subsistence or the fisheries here.  
12 In the future I would like to see just my unit I worry  
13 about unless the migration route involves different units  
14 like the caribou. Fisheries here, we should just worry  
15 about Unit 23.

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17 MR. LEAN: And usually emergency closures  
18 or special actions don't affect the entire district, they  
19 affect one species in a certain location.

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21 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Thank you, Charlie.  
22 And you want action on this and recommendations on this  
23 proposal?

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25 MR. FRIED: Yes, please.

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27 MR. JACK: Mr. Chair.

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29 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Carl, would you get to  
30 the microphone please.

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32 MR. JACK: Carl Jack, Native Liaison. I  
33 work as a Staff assistant to the Chairman of the Federal  
34 Subsistence Board, Mitch Demientieff. And in cases like  
35 this the Chair is real sensitive to the local people.  
36 When this came up for YK, his advice was so long as the  
37 Regional Councils are in the loop and aware of what's  
38 happening. And also in YK area there's what they call  
39 the Coordinating Fisheries Council, which was formed by  
40 the tri-region. He wants those people in the loop before  
41 these issues come before the Federal Board. So I just  
42 want to pass this information on to you, the Chair is  
43 sensitive to these kind of issues to make sure that the  
44 local people have a voice in these type of actions.

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46 Thank you.

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48 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Thank you. So you want  
49 recommendations to approve or disapprove. Any further  
50 comments from the public before we move forward. Enoch.

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1 ATTAMUK: No, I just want to say that  
2 this one here is -- we should -- I recommend make a  
3 proposal that no action on this here because it's out of  
4 our region and I hate to tell the outsiders how to --  
5 outside my unit how to fish and I think we would come up  
6 with something better for our unit here because it will  
7 involve my people. Because I don't want outsiders -- but  
8 not only that we got different drainages here from, you  
9 know, really seven drainages.

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11 I take it as a motion, no action.

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13 CHAIRMAN STONEY: That's your motion,  
14 Enoch?

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16 ATTAMUK: That's a motion.

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18 MR. BALLOT: Second.

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20 CHAIRMAN STONEY: There is a motion from  
21 Enoch with no action and seconded by Percy. Any further  
22 discussion.

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24 MR. BALLOT: Question.

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26 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Question been called  
27 for. Any objection to the question. All in favor of  
28 taking no action on Proposal FP03-28 signify by saying  
29 aye.

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31 IN UNISON: Aye.

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33 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Objection.

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35 (No opposing votes)

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37 CHAIRMAN STONEY: No action taken. It's  
38 11:00 o'clock, you guys want to break for lunch around  
39 11:30 or a quarter to 12:00 something like that, before  
40 we go to the next item? Okay.

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42 Well, we're down to Item No. 9. Charlie.

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44 MR. LEAN: I went up and gave the list to  
45 the people who wanted to eat lunch here and they  
46 requested that before you eat lunch you go to the office  
47 upstairs, over the cafeteria and pay your \$8.

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49 CHAIRMAN STONEY: You guys get that, \$8  
50 for lunch, go upstairs and pay for your lunch.

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1           Okay, we're down to Item No. 9, call for  
2 proposals to change Federal subsistence wildlife  
3 regulations. So I believe it says it's on Tab F. Who's  
4 going to take this, you, Tom.

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6           MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair, I think you're just  
7 soliciting at this point any proposals that people might  
8 have for changing the wildlife regulations which the  
9 Board will be taking up next May.

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11          CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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13          MR. BOYD: And you'll be hearing the  
14 analysis of next winter.

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16          CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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18          MR. BOYD: Or next spring, I mean.

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20          CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, is that it?

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22          MR. BOYD: So if you have any public or  
23 any of the agencies or any of your members here on the  
24 Council want to take.....

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26          CHAIRMAN STONEY: I'll start from the  
27 members here. On this No. 9, right there on your package  
28 you got a proposal form for regulations for hunting and  
29 fishing and then if you want to make some changes,  
30 there's a procedure to how you do this because it follows  
31 the whole thing and it comes before us and it goes to the  
32 Federal Board.

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34          Percy, you got anything on this issue?

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36          MR. BALLOT: Yes. I was going to be  
37 looking at the caribou, what was it five a day?

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39          CHAIRMAN STONEY: On the State it's five  
40 a day and I believe on Federal land it's 15 a day. That  
41 just came out like five years ago.

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43          MR. BALLOT: Can you.....

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45          CHAIRMAN STONEY: On Federal lands.

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47          MR. BALLOT: Okay.

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49          CHAIRMAN STONEY: If it's still  
50 effective. I imagine Ken's got information on that, what

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1 is it Ken?

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3 MR. ADKISSON: I don't have a copy

4 of.....

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6 CHAIRMAN STONEY: The State has five

7 caribou a day, right, Jim.

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9 MR. MAGDANZ: State.

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11 CHAIRMAN STONEY: On State lands. And

12 Federal has 15?

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14 MR. MAGDANZ: Correct.

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16 CHAIRMAN STONEY: How is it affecting you

17 guys, Percy, can you handle 15 a day?

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19 MR. BALLOT: Oh, yeah, we can, but we

20 don't. But I think it's the five a day I was -- I had

21 heard some comments about that not being enough for our

22 people that travel long distances and can't get and you

23 have to go up to State lands and hunt. Sometimes we have

24 to go up past Deering or some other -- to get to State

25 lands to hunt and five a day, you know, I was thinking

26 more like eight or seven or somewhere around that limit,

27 10 or whatever.

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29 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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31 MR. BALLOT: Would be a much more better

32 deal for -- there's certain times of the year we have to

33 go a long way to go hunt before the meat -- you know, the

34 bugs bug you and all that kind of stuff and we have to go

35 past Deering or maybe even from here or someplace --

36 people have to go some other place, they have to go a

37 long ways to go get the caribou.

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39 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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41 MR. BALLOT: And that needs to be looked

42 at. I guess there was some concern. I thought I was

43 going to see a proposal on the number that people could

44 take during the -- on the State hunts.

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46 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. On this

47 regulation, I might have to ask a question to maybe, Jim,

48 if you put in a proposal, would you have to be a

49 government body, elected, RAC here or the advisory or

50 individually, how do you do this?

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1 MR. MAGDANZ: For the State system?

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3 CHAIRMAN STONEY: For putting in a  
4 proposal.

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6 MR. MAGDANZ: Any individual.....

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8 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Would you get to the  
9 mike please. I mean like I say, if Percy wanted to put  
10 in a proposal to change, like right now, currently, it's  
11 five caribou a day and then he wanted to change it to  
12 eight a day and then he wants to introduce this through a  
13 proposal, can he do it himself or with the IRA Council or  
14 city or RAC committee, in a group?

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16 MR. MAGDANZ: All of the above. An  
17 individual or an organization could support a proposal  
18 and the Board routinely fields proposals from all kinds  
19 of groups as well as individuals.

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21 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Great. You got that.

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23 MR. BALLOT: When, Mr. Chairman? Yeah.  
24 When would we do that because if we could put it through  
25 this RAC group I'd like it, now, to bring it through our  
26 Council -- but if we could get it through the RAC to make  
27 it 10 a day or whatever, that'd be a proposal that's  
28 within -- you know, less than Federal and something that  
29 people could live with transporting, hunting during the  
30 later time of the year.

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32 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. I have a  
33 question to some agencies here because, you know, it's  
34 sort of a confusing regulation between the State and the  
35 Federal, my question would be among the State and  
36 Federal, is there any conflict between these two  
37 agencies, let's say State has five day and Federal has 15  
38 a day and I see it this way that -- I know there's no  
39 closed season on Federal lands for subsistence, there's  
40 no closed season on State lands for subsistence so how do  
41 we work that out? Like we won't have to -- like say this  
42 is State land makes Percy travel another 40 miles for the  
43 Federal land to get 15 and I think that's a confusing  
44 thing.

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46 MR. BOYD: Well, I think you're pointing  
47 out, Mr. Chair, one of the, if you want to look at this  
48 way, one of the problems or concerns about two systems of  
49 management is that we sometimes have different  
50 regulations in the same regions. And I guess if it's the

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1 desire of the Council to reconcile that you can propose  
2 to either body, the State or the Federal Boards to make  
3 appropriate changes to try to realign them. But again, I  
4 don't know any easy answer to that question.

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6 But you know, maybe it's not a concern.  
7 Maybe the differences are easily understood and people  
8 know where to hunt and fish, you know, where there are  
9 different regulations and how to avoid the potential to  
10 be violating either State or Federal regulations. I  
11 don't have any easy solutions for that, it's just the way  
12 we are because we have two different managers managing  
13 the same resources.

14  
15 MR. BALLOT: Mr. Chairman. Wouldn't that  
16 be a concern, too, for people like from here if they're  
17 going out, way up the river to go hunt caribou and come  
18 back, wouldn't that be a concern about the limit, by boat  
19 or whatever?

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21 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah.

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23 MR. BALLOT: So isn't that something we  
24 should look at.

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26 CHAIRMAN STONEY: That's a good point.

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28 MR. BALLOT: The herd's at its best right  
29 now.

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31 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah.

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33 MR. BALLOT: They're healthy. And I  
34 don't see why we can't make a request to up the limit for  
35 the State hunt.

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37 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Otherwise, you  
38 know, you see these forms here to change, a proposal, you  
39 know, like I said, an IRA or somebody can make a proposal  
40 to come through the chain of command and if it comes to  
41 the attention we could do that.

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43 MR. BALLOT: Okay, we'll work it out  
44 then.

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46 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Lillian, you got  
47 anything on change in the wildlife regulations? You  
48 know, I'd like to hear from you guys, you know, I don't  
49 want to decide for you guys, you guys decide. Like today  
50 on regulations on the wildlife side, like I said earlier,

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1 it's five caribou a day on the State land and 15 on the  
2 Federal land, so we all hunt on Federal land anyway.

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4 MS. JOHNSON: No, I don't think there's  
5 not much change on this because we have a hard time  
6 sometimes to get caribou and it's a long distance and  
7 then when you get there more than five would be better,  
8 15. Not much changes from us. The only one we -- we eat  
9 meat, we're not living the cities, no Burger, no  
10 McDonalds, only the meat we had in the stores, what we  
11 have it's already spoiled on the way in freight and so  
12 expensive, so high so we don't have to change on these --  
13 what we take in our region.

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15 MR. MAGDANZ: Mr. Chair.

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17 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Jim.

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19 MR. MAGDANZ: Just briefly, the Board of  
20 Game meets for this region every other year. They met  
21 last year. This year we're off cycle so we actually have  
22 some time to put together a proposal to the Board. The  
23 deadline typically will be in the spring next year and  
24 the decision would be in October or November of 2003. So  
25 you do have about six months to prepare a proposal for  
26 the Board.

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28 Mr. Chair.

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30 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Thank you. Comments.

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32 MS. JOHNSON: No.

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34 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Joe, you got anything  
35 on this item, call for changes on the proposals on  
36 subsistence wildlife regulations? I'd like to hear from  
37 the committee here and the agencies would.

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39 MR. AREY: Getting back to that caribou.  
40 When people go up hunting from here or any place in  
41 Alaska, and they go up Noatak they don't see no Federal  
42 markers or State, they don't know which side they're on.  
43 And then they say you have to get five from State and  
44 they get it from Federal, why not just make them both the  
45 same, just 15 or -- so they get enough meat. Because  
46 once you go from here you don't see no boundary lines for  
47 -- I go from here I'll be on State land and I'll get 15,  
48 you know, if they make them the same you'd have more  
49 chance and less confusion.

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Enoch, you got  
2 anything.

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4 ATTAMUK: I got no problem if Percy want  
5 to increase it. Because the take right now for the State  
6 is five per day per person and we do get more than that  
7 once in a while but there's how many of us in the boat so  
8 I could always say he gets so many. I got no real  
9 problem increasing it. The State got five, the Feds got  
10 15, let's compromise and say 10, like you say. And that  
11 way we won't have to worry about the State regulations  
12 say five, the Federal regulations say 15, we will have  
13 one number on our mind and that way they won't have a  
14 conflict within the State and the Federal. And because  
15 right now our caribou are healthy and strong in numbers.  
16 Because if they do, the State or the Fed do go concern  
17 and the caribou start declining that's when we'll say  
18 let's reduce the take. Right now it's healthy, I don't  
19 think the Board of Game would have any problem increasing  
20 it. Because we're talking about our unit from Barrow to  
21 Nome and we are right in the middle, in the heart of it  
22 here in Kotzebue and we're talking about Unit 23. But  
23 we're talking about a herd that migrates from Barrow all  
24 the way below -- the same herd. So I got no real  
25 problems.

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27 You want to put the proposal in Percy, if  
28 you get it from your IRA or you I will support you if you  
29 come up with it.

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31 MR. BALLOT: Okay.

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33 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Thank you, Enoch.  
34 Okay, we're still on No. 9, anything from the public,  
35 Federal subsistence wildlife regulations. Agencies.  
36 Must be good. Tom.

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38 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair, I would only add  
39 that if any of you or if the Council is contemplating  
40 putting together a proposal it must be into our office by  
41 the 18th of October so that we have time to process it if  
42 I heard you correctly.

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44 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. You get that  
45 Percy.

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47 MR. BALLOT: Uh-huh.

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49 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Good point. Anything  
50 else on this No. 9, changes of wildlife regulations.

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1           ATTAMUK: Let me ask, Tom, you got any  
2 conflict with us coming up with then number 10, because  
3 you got, the Federal got 15 and the State got five and  
4 how do you come out with the number 15, that's a big  
5 difference in numbers versus the State?  
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7           MR. BOYD: I don't know the regulatory,  
8 the history of this regulation. I can only surmise that  
9 we started the program in 1990, that we adopted that  
10 regulation from the State and then somewhere down the  
11 line the State reduced it; is that correct, Jim? Maybe  
12 Sandy has the answer.  
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14           CHAIRMAN STONEY: We got two of you  
15 there. Go ahead, Jim. Jim.  
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17           MR. MAGDANZ: Mr. Chair, Jim Magdanz,  
18 Fish and Game. I don't remember the specific regulatory  
19 history here but the State's regulation in 1990, I  
20 believe was five.  
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22           MR. BOYD: Was five.  
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24           MR. MAGDANZ: And this Federal regulation  
25 initially was five and maybe five years ago.....  
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27           MR. RABINOWITCH: I'll speak to that in a  
28 minute.  
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30           MR. MAGDANZ: Okay, Sandy remembers the  
31 history of it better.  
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33           MR. RABINOWITCH: A little bit. What I  
34 recall was that four or five, six years ago, Bert Greist  
35 on your Council made the recommendation to go to 15 for  
36 the Federal regulations, so there should be a pretty good  
37 record in the transcript of that. What I also recall is  
38 that the discussion and debate that led toward that  
39 number largely based on winter hunting, using  
40 snowmachines, and that 15 animals was about the most that  
41 anybody could carry in sleds. So that was an efficient  
42 number for people in the region based on the size of  
43 sleds. That's what I recall.  
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45           You know, how true that still is, you  
46 know, snowmachines are getting more powerful and, you  
47 know, things change, so I don't know about how things  
48 have changed. But I think the transcript would bear out  
49 that winter snowmachine use and sled size were the key  
50 items.

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1 ATTAMUK: Thank you.

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3 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Anything else. So you  
4 know what to do now Percy.

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6 MR. BALLOT: Yes, I'll make a proposal.

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8 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. I guess there's  
9 no more from the agencies to change subsistence wildlife  
10 regulations. I know it's a complicated thing, but we're  
11 going along with it, we like the way it is.

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13 Okay. We're down to -- well, any time  
14 you guys want to take a lunch let us know. I think most  
15 of you are leaving tonight, right, from the agencies?

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17 MR. BOYD: Yes.

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19 CHAIRMAN STONEY: We'll be done -- well,  
20 we'll be done sometime today. And since it's only 11:15,  
21 I think we have time for the next item, No. 10, customary  
22 trade. Okay, Tom. On your customary trade, it's on Tab  
23 G.

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25 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair.

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27 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Tom.

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29 MR. BOYD: I'm going to be doing the  
30 briefing on customary trade and I would like Mr. Carl  
31 Jack, if he wants to accompany me, Carl's been working  
32 very closely with this issue and may have some things to  
33 add to what I say or may be able to answer questions that  
34 I can't answer. So if that's okay with you.

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36 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Sure. Sure.

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38 MR. BOYD: This is an issue that we've  
39 been dealing with for, well, almost a couple of years  
40 now. I would refer you to not only the short briefing  
41 statement that we have under Tab G but also this document  
42 here that has been distributed; is that correct, Steve?

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44 MR. FRIED: Not yet, it was mailed to  
45 everybody.

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47 MR. BOYD: It was mailed to everyone and  
48 we do have extra copies that we can distribute. Why  
49 don't we do that because I'm going to be referring to it.

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1 (Pause)

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3 ATTAMUK: You say this was mailed to  
4 everyone?

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6 MR. BOYD: It was supposed to have been.  
7 Did you receive it?

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9 ATTAMUK: Not me. And I usually get two,  
10 one for my office and one for -- this time you failed me.

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12 MR. BOYD: Yes, we did.

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14 ATTAMUK: We need time to look at this.

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16 MR. BOYD: Yes, you do. Mr. Chair, if I  
17 might, could I ask the Council, how many received this so  
18 I know if others did not as well?

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20 CHAIRMAN STONEY: I got mine.

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22 MR. BOYD: Did you receive it?

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24 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yes, I got this one.  
25 It was mailed to me, I think your office.

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27 MR. BOYD: Yes.

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29 CHAIRMAN STONEY: It was signed by Mitch.

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31 MR. BOYD: It was supposed to have been  
32 mailed to all Council members and I just would like to  
33 get some indication if others other than Attamuk did not  
34 receive it.

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36 ATTAMUK: I did not. I would remember  
37 it. I would have looked at it.

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39 MS. JOHNSON: I got mine too, somewhere.

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41 MR. BOYD: Percy, did you receive yours?

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43 MR. BALLOT: I've been traveling so it's  
44 probably in Buckland.

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46 MR. BOYD: Okay. Joe, do you know?

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48 MR. AREY: First time I seen this.

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50 MR. BOYD: Okay. Well, I will go through

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1 this and if the Council is comfortable with taking action  
2 on this then that would be my hope but if you aren't and  
3 you haven't seen the material before and you need more  
4 time I certainly understand that.

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6 But the Board is looking for a  
7 recommendation from all of the Councils, including yours,  
8 on the proposed regulation dealing with customary trade.  
9 I'm going to be going through the points in this booklet  
10 in my briefing.

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12 In response to the public and Council  
13 requests the Federal Subsistence Board, during their  
14 meeting in May of this year, deferred action on the  
15 proposed rule for customary trade until January 2003. So  
16 I think that meeting is going to be on January the 14th,  
17 2003, the Board is going to be taking this issue up and  
18 the plan is to make a final rule that will be implemented  
19 in the regulation change that would occur in the spring  
20 of 2003. This decision provides an extended review  
21 opportunity for the Regional Advisory Councils, the  
22 public, the tribal organizations and the Federal and  
23 State agencies. Since this meeting the Board has been  
24 analyzing public, Council and agency comments received to  
25 date and the supplemental materials that I've just handed  
26 out to you in this booklet provided for your review are  
27 the results of the analysis of all of the comments that  
28 we received to date.

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30 So I want to review with you today the  
31 reasons why the issue of customary trade is before you.  
32 Kind of a refresher of why we're here and why we're  
33 discussing this.

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35 Title VIII specifically identifies  
36 customary trade as a recognize part of subsistence uses.  
37 The term customary trade is defined in regulations as the  
38 cash sale of fish and wildlife resources to support  
39 personal and family needs and does not include trade  
40 which constitutes a significant commercial enterprise.  
41 It is important to know the distinction between customary  
42 trade and barter. Customary trade is the exchange of  
43 subsistence resources for cash. Barter is defined as the  
44 exchange of subsistence resources for something other  
45 than cash and is provided for also in Title VIII.

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47 And in this case the proposed rule that  
48 we're dealing with only deals with customary trade of  
49 fish resources. We're not dealing with other resources  
50 at this time.

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1           The Federal Subsistence Board has found  
2 that the term significant commercial enterprise is  
3 unclear. That's one of the focuses of our review. The  
4 lack of definition is hampering effective law enforcement  
5 to prevent abuses. The Board wants to preserve  
6 traditional customary trade practices and recognize  
7 regional differences while preventing abuse.

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9           And that's really the focus of what we're  
10 about here.

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12           The proposed rule adopted by the Board in  
13 December of 2001, you can see that on Page 1 of the  
14 briefing document. I think you'll have to turn past the  
15 cover letter that's in the first page and you'll see down  
16 at the bottom it's annotated Page 1. This page  
17 essentially is the proposed rule that was published in  
18 December of 2001. It recommends that no dollar limit be  
19 set on exchange for cash of subsistence caught fish,  
20 parts or eggs between rural residents. The proposed rule  
21 prohibits such exchanges for fisheries business whether  
22 rural or non-rural. However, the exchange for cash  
23 between rural residents and others would be allowed as  
24 long as the exchange does not make up a significant  
25 commercial enterprise.

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27           I think you can see from reading this  
28 that some of the terms that are unclear are still in it.  
29 I think this was sort of a compromise for the Board, they  
30 wanted to get the proposed rule out and get some public  
31 reaction to it. So I would characterize it as a  
32 continuing work in progress.

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34           The public comments received as a result  
35 of the publication of the proposed rulemaking generally  
36 fell into three categories or alternatives. And I would  
37 refer you to Page 3 of the briefing document, it starts  
38 with alternative one and goes through Page 7, I believe  
39 -- yeah, Page 7. The bulk of the comments supported  
40 either alternative one or two. Alternative one you'll  
41 see on Page 3 is take no action which is the same as the  
42 proposed rule on Page 1. And alternative two is some  
43 limitation on implementation. I'll go through these in a  
44 minute. Alternative three is a result of recommendations  
45 during public meetings held by the 10 Councils this past  
46 winter.

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48           So let me now summarize the alternatives.  
49 And I won't go into detail and you may have questions but  
50 I won't go into detail on all of these but they're in the

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1 book before you if you could just follow along with me.

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3           Alternative one on Page 3. This option  
4 would maintain the status quo, i.e., the proposed rule  
5 which permits customary trade unless it results in a  
6 significant commercial enterprise. In the future, any  
7 perceived abuses would be addressed on a case by case  
8 basis with appropriate regulatory language. This would  
9 be responsive to comments questioning the need for any  
10 new regulation or change to present regulations regarding  
11 customary trade.

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13           Let me take a little time here because I  
14 think this may get a little confusing. But on Page 3  
15 you'll notice down at the bottom in the italics language  
16 is the actual regulatory language that we're talking  
17 about. You'll see under Section 26(11), (12) and (13)  
18 are sort of the key provisions under this rulemaking.  
19 Section 11 or number 11 deals with permitting customary  
20 trade so long as it does not constitute a significant  
21 commercial enterprise but recognizes -- allows that the  
22 Board may recognize regional differences and define  
23 customary trade differently for separate regions of the  
24 state, which would call for additional regulations beyond  
25 this.

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27           Part 12 basically says that individuals,  
28 businesses or organizations may not purchase subsistence  
29 taken fish, their parts, their eggs for use or resale to  
30 a significant commercial enterprise. Understand that  
31 that phrase significant commercial enterprise is not  
32 defined here so it still leaves some lingering questions.

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34           Part 13, basically says you can't resell  
35 subsistence taken fish or their parts or eggs -- let's  
36 see -- well, okay, you may not receive, if you're a  
37 significant commercial enterprise subsistence taken fish  
38 or resell it.

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40           So those are the three main provisions.  
41 So the other alternatives sort of take off from those  
42 three provisions and we make some changes in the  
43 alternatives to those provisions. Alternative two would  
44 limit some of the things that I just mentioned under  
45 alternative one. This option would prohibit subsistence  
46 caught fish from entering the commercial market while  
47 permitting customary trade practices between individuals  
48 to continue. This option would be responsive to comments  
49 that the primary concern is to prevent subsistence caught  
50 fish from entering commercial markets.

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1           And you'll see the change really is in  
2 number 13 in this case. You can't sell it to a licensed  
3 fisheries business. If you're a licensed fisheries  
4 business you may not purchase subsistence taken fish and  
5 the sale of subsistence taken fish or their parts or eggs  
6 cannot be made -- I'm trying to paraphrase it, the sale  
7 of subsistence taken fish, their parts or eggs, purchased  
8 or otherwise acquired by an individual or business other  
9 than a fisheries business is prohibited. So it basically  
10 limits it from going into commercial markets in a  
11 nutshell.

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13           Alternative three which starts on Page 4  
14 there in the middle, would implement paragraphs 11 and 12  
15 again on a regional basis following the guidelines  
16 recommended by the Regional Advisory Councils last  
17 winter. Where there is no Regional Council  
18 recommendations, paragraphs 11 and 12 would be as  
19 proposed in alternative one the proposed rule. Paragraph  
20 13, again, would be implemented as presented in  
21 alternative two, what I just covered.

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23           And so if I haven't confused you take  
24 time to think about that. Let's take a closer look at  
25 that and you can look at the italics language starting at  
26 the bottom of Page 4 and going through Page 5 for Part  
27 11, we permit customary trade except based on the  
28 following conditions starting at Page 5 at the top. The  
29 conditions go from A to C there. And it really talks  
30 about specific areas. So in this case, for your region,  
31 let me think about this a second.

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33           ATTAMUK: Ours was a thousand I thought.

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35           MR. BOYD: That would be under 12, I'm  
36 looking under 11. So it would be as in the proposed  
37 rule. See you'd have to go back to so long as does not  
38 constitute a significant commercial enterprise. I think  
39 that's right. Because I don't see one here for the  
40 Northwest Arctic region. Am I tracking that correct,  
41 Steve?

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43           MR. FRIED: I think so.

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45           MR. BOYD: Yeah. On 12, there is a  
46 provision that -- let's see, this is transactions between  
47 rural residents and others, other than rural residents, I  
48 mean, the exchange for cash between rural residents and  
49 individuals other than rural residents in customary trade  
50 is permitted subject to the following conditions.



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1 A, that they not enter commerce at any  
2 point. And then starting at B, deals with specifically  
3 the Yukon Northern Fishery Management area. Is that this  
4 area?

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6 MR. FRIED: No.

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8 MR. BOYD: That's not this area, okay. I  
9 don't see any provision in here for your region so it  
10 would fall back again to the proposed rule under 12.

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12 And then on 13 it was, as I stated under  
13 alternative two, so I won't repeat that.

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15 In short, alternative three would respond  
16 to the comments that differing regional practices and  
17 needs must be provided for and would prohibit subsistence  
18 caught fish from entering into commercial market, to be  
19 effective a system of recordkeeping would need to be  
20 instituted if regional regulations limit the amount of  
21 fish, exchange for cash or the amount of cash exchanged.  
22 You can see that in some cases, some of the regions  
23 recommended a cash limitation on customary trade sales to  
24 others, i.e., Bristol Bay \$400 annually and the Aleutian  
25 Islands/Kodiak 500, et cetera, so that was some of the  
26 ideas that came up from some of the other regions.

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28 Let me pause just to see if there are any  
29 questions. I know I kind of touched on things real  
30 quickly and it's a little confusing to follow.

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32 ATTAMUK: I got one, Enoch. I still got  
33 a headache with the numbers that they're trying to put in  
34 there, cash value, of a dollar for customary trade.  
35 Because if they -- my feeling is if they put a dollar  
36 amount and they were talking about a thousand dollars for  
37 our region here when Bert was working on this and when I  
38 followed it at a couple different meetings, they come up  
39 with a thousand dollar cash value but the dollar value is  
40 dropping. The thousand dollars could be worth pennies  
41 next year. And I don't want to see -- I still got  
42 headaches, I don't see cash value, dollar amount put in  
43 because that's the way the agencies could cite the  
44 Natives.

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46 So my strong point I would like to see in  
47 here, no subsistence taken fish shall be sold to any  
48 commercial, just plain barter. That's the way I'd like  
49 to see it here. Because I don't want to see cash value  
50 as a way to cite our people. But the dollar amount, if

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1 they use the dollar amount, you know, gas now is \$150 or  
2 \$250 in the village, tomorrow it could be \$500 and that  
3 dollar value is going to be no good pretty quick.

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5 I hope you get my point of view. The  
6 dollar value, 1,000 per year per individual up to 5,000  
7 is going to be no good. And if we put a number in there  
8 that's going to be the regulation for the next how many  
9 years until it's changed and it's going to be harder to  
10 change in the future if we put a number in there now.  
11 Okay, but I don't want to see commercial fish completely  
12 -- for commercial -- for subsistence fish taken and  
13 traded for commercial, any licensed vendor, completely.

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15 MR. BOYD: I believe that the  
16 recommendation or that your comment could be formulated  
17 into a recommendation by the Council but I'm not sure  
18 what you want to do as a Council because I think  
19 that's.....

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21 ATTAMUK: Because I was telling Bert.....

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23 MR. BOYD: .....what we're looking for.

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25 ATTAMUK: What I was telling Bert at the  
26 time when I followed him, I said, I don't want to see  
27 dollar value and I'm going to stick to my point of view  
28 completely when Bert was handling it and he was picked,  
29 you know, that I was -- I don't want to see dollar value  
30 for one simple reason. But I don't want to see any kind  
31 of subsistence fish taken and be sold to any commercial  
32 licensed person. That should be a no-no, completely.

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34 MR. FRIED: On Page 16, it shows the  
35 Northwest Arctic Regional Council's recommendations.....

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37 ATTAMUK: Yes.

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39 MR. FRIED: .....to date and I think  
40 that's basically what you're speaking to.

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42 ATTAMUK: Yes.

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44 MR. FRIED: It was to recommend adopting  
45 Sections 11 and 13.....

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47 ATTAMUK: Yes.

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49 MR. FRIED: .....as written.

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1 ATTAMUK: Uh-huh.

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3 MR. FRIED: Which would mean exchange  
4 between rural residents, you know, is permitted. 13 was  
5 no purchase by fisheries business.

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7 ATTAMUK: Yes.

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9 MR. FRIED: And then 12, transaction  
10 between a rural resident and others, the recommendation  
11 from this Council at that point was its total cash value  
12 is not limited. So it didn't put a dollar amount there  
13 so basically that's currently what the recommendations  
14 are. So I guess the question is, are there any other  
15 comments or does the Council still stand by that  
16 recommendation?

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18 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair, I paused just to  
19 see if there were questions on the contents of the  
20 alternatives and then I was going to go on and brief you  
21 on the next steps and then refer back to the Council on  
22 developing recommendations, if that's what you would like  
23 me to do.

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25 CHAIRMAN STONEY: (Nods affirmatively)

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27 MR. BOYD: Okay. Are there other  
28 questions then from the Council?

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30 MS. JOHNSON: I got a question.

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32 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Lillian.

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34 MS. JOHNSON: Is these fishing people,  
35 the hunting -- trapping and fishing, did everybody have  
36 to have license for that? I kind of hear some kind of  
37 talk this summer but I don't understand. Especially when  
38 you're getting older and you got permanent license for  
39 that, do you have to get another one for some reason?

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41 MR. BOYD: The Federal requirement for  
42 hunting licenses is to have a State hunting license, just  
43 to have that in your possession. There are no  
44 requirements for a fishing license for subsistence  
45 Federal regulations.

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47 MS. JOHNSON: Yeah, I heard that back in  
48 last month, sometime ago, that worry about getting  
49 fishing license. And some of us have permanent already  
50 because we're old enough to have it. And these young

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1 people need to have it every year or how often they  
2 change their fishing license? On this customary trade,  
3 if somebody like -- like these take part of the fish and  
4 sell it, do they have to have license number in there if  
5 there are changes -- I don't think there will be change.  
6 Like permit you're talking about right now, do they have  
7 to have permit to.....

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9 MR. BOYD: I'm looking under one of the  
10 alternatives.

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12 MS. JOHNSON: Like at this 13 -- 11.

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14 CHAIRMAN STONEY: 11.

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16 MS. JOHNSON: On 4, like you have to get  
17 regulation on this part or permit, subject to the  
18 following conditions.

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20 MR. BOYD: Oh, I see where you're at.

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22 MS. JOHNSON: And beside that, I remember  
23 the license because I heard that license talk about not  
24 too long ago and I just tried to find out if it has to be  
25 everyone have license for fishing, not for subsistence  
26 right?

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28 MR. BOYD: Not for subsistence.

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30 MS. JOHNSON: Yeah, that's the one I want  
31 to clarify.

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33 MR. BOYD: Yes. Except where a permit is  
34 required you must have a permit and I'm not sure that you  
35 have that requirement in your area. In your area no  
36 subsistence fishing permit is required.

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38 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

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40 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Are you about done,  
41 Tom?

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43 MR. BOYD: (Nods affirmatively)

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45 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, I think that from  
46 the State side we got more information on what Lillian  
47 said about permit fishing license and so this customary  
48 trade, what's Lillian's concerned about, what kind of  
49 permit do you need, you know, to sell your subsistence  
50 catch individually, with that permit hunting license for

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1 people, for hunting and fishing.

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3 MR. MAGDANZ: Okay, Mr. Chair. Jim  
4 Magdanz, Fish and Game. The State has a permanent  
5 license that's available free to anyone 60 years of age  
6 or older for hunting and fishing. And it's a plastic  
7 card and once you have that you do not need to purchase a  
8 hunting or fishing license ever again. For subsistence  
9 fishing which is defined in most areas by gear type, that  
10 is, if you use a net to fish, you do not need a fishing  
11 license. A fishing license applies to sport gear which  
12 is rod and reel, in most cases. So if you jig through  
13 the ice that's subsistence. If you set a net or you  
14 seine, that's subsistence, you do not need any kind of  
15 State license to do that.

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17 In some areas rod and reel are becoming  
18 recognized as subsistence gear. It's not the case here  
19 yet but in Norton Sound and AY-K area there are places  
20 where rod and reel are subsistence gear. You do not need  
21 a fishing license to use a rod and reel in those areas  
22 because it is subsistence. Up here a rod and reel is  
23 still sport gear so you do need a license up here.

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25 Customary trade is a subsistence use and  
26 so if you caught salmon or whitefish or trout with  
27 subsistence gear and you wanted to engage in customary  
28 trade, you could do that without additional permits. But  
29 there's a conflict in State regs that has never really  
30 been fully resolved and the conflict is there's a  
31 regulation, there's a blanket prohibition on the sale of  
32 subsistence caught fish. On the other hand there's a law  
33 that says you can engage in customary trade. And it's  
34 this kind of conflict that the Federal program is trying  
35 to address straight on through this process that you're  
36 in right now, to provide for customary trade. The State  
37 has not done that and it's an issue that the State system  
38 so far as dealt with on a case by case basis. It has  
39 allowed a few customary trade fisheries in the State and  
40 set them up in regulations and their permits. But we  
41 don't have any of those up here now.

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43 Is that helpful?

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45 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Does that help a little  
46 bit?

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48 MS. JOHNSON: Yeah, that's it.

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50 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Thanks, Jim. Tom.

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1 MR. BOYD: Are there other questions on  
2 the regulations, the proposed regulations or the  
3 alternatives? If there are none then I'll move on to the  
4 schedule that we're operating under so that you know  
5 where we're going.

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7 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Tom, on this customary  
8 trade I was reading this quite a bit, several times, but  
9 I found it someplace here that subsistence fish caught  
10 cannot be sold to any business, right, any commercial  
11 business, that's how it was written, on some of the pages  
12 here if I could find it it says also non-recreational --  
13 what it means is let's say we got a dog musher here and  
14 it says, well, no cash value but you cannot sell your  
15 subsistence fish caught recreationally that means dog  
16 racing so they cannot be used for dogs at all; is that  
17 correct?

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19 MR. BOYD: I think you're referring to  
20 another regulation and I'm trying to sort this out.

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22 MR. BALLOT: It's 17.

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24 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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26 MR. BOYD: Yeah, where are you at, Percy.

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28 ATTAMUK: It's Page 17. The one he's  
29 referring to is on Page 17, it's for commercial dog team.  
30 Down, further down.

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32 CHAIRMAN STONEY: The last one down.

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34 MR. BOYD: Yeah, these are under the  
35 summary of Council comments.

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37 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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39 MR. BOYD: And this is under Eastern  
40 Interior, right. And I think what they're doing here is  
41 providing a definition, at least near the bottom of Page  
42 17, commercial dog team, I guess they refer to it in  
43 their comments. I'm looking for where they refer to it.  
44 But this is not a regulation if that's what you're  
45 referring to, is that right Raymond?

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47 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah. Yeah.

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49 MR. BOYD: This is only comments from the  
50 Eastern Interior Council.

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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3 MR. BOYD: I'm looking for where they  
4 refer to it. And I think the concern there, if I  
5 remember correctly, is they wanted to look at these  
6 commercial businesses as dog -- need large quantities of  
7 fish to feed them and they want to prevent the sale of  
8 subsistence taken fish to these entities. Yeah, it says  
9 any person with an Alaska State business license who runs  
10 commercial dog teams is not allowed to buy or feed  
11 subsistence caught fish to dogs, also applies to non-  
12 Alaska businesses. And I think that's probably covered  
13 in some of the alternative language where we say that if  
14 you're -- where we say the sale of subsistence taken  
15 fish, their parts or their eggs purchased or otherwise  
16 acquired by any individual or business, other than  
17 fisheries businesses is prohibited. They're looking that  
18 as a business, it's licensed.

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20 So in a sense, if you adopted that  
21 regulatory language it would prevent the sale of  
22 subsistence taken fish to commercial dog operations.

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24 Other questions.

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26 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Any questions for Tom  
27 on customary trade. And you want action or just  
28 recommendations for an approval?

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30 MR. BOYD: Well, the Board will be  
31 looking for a recommendation or recommendations from your  
32 Council. It can be based on any of these three  
33 alternatives or any other alternative or recommendation  
34 that you might have. You may even have regional specific  
35 recommendations.

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37 Let me just kind of go over the next  
38 steps with you on Page 9 just to show you where we've  
39 been and where we're going with this issue. Currently  
40 we're at step number 3 on this page. We're seeking  
41 comments or recommendations from the Councils at this set  
42 of meetings, all the Councils. The comment period, this  
43 extended comment period will run through November 1 of  
44 this year. Staff Committee will meet this fall later and  
45 develop recommendations to the Board. The Board will  
46 then meet on January the 14th to review all of this  
47 information and try to develop a final rule, which then  
48 will be implemented effective in March of 2003.

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50 So that's kind of where we're going. The

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1 Board is going to be meeting in January. I presume,  
2 Raymond, you will be there to articulate the Councils  
3 concerns again to the Board. And that's where we're  
4 going with this.

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6 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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8 MR. BOYD: So you know, in summary, the  
9 Board is requesting the Council to review the material in  
10 this booklet and specifically make recommendations that  
11 would assist the Board in defining customary trade. The  
12 Councils are requested to review their earlier  
13 recommendation which is on Page 16 of this booklet. You  
14 see it there toward the upper middle part of the page.  
15 And either modify or reaffirm this recommendation. The  
16 Council's final recommendation should address whether you  
17 want to define the limits of a significant commercial  
18 enterprise, should a limit be placed on the exchange of  
19 cash between rural and others. Should a limit be  
20 established for the exchange of cash between rural  
21 residents. And how will limitations for defining  
22 customary trade effect subsistence needs, tradition and  
23 the values of the subsistence way of life.

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25 Those are some thoughts that we put  
26 together on what you might address on this issue.

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28 That's all I have, Mr. Chair. So now  
29 we're asking you to develop a recommendation.

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31 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Did you want  
32 recommendations on these, section by section or just the  
33 whole thing, 11, 12 and 13 or just one umbrella?

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35 MR. BOYD: It's really up to you. It's  
36 what might be helpful to you. I think if you took it step  
37 by step, point by point 11, 12 and 13, you might be able  
38 to focus a bit more. If you have general comments we'll  
39 take those as well.

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41 MR. BALLOT: Mr. Chairman.

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43 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Percy.

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45 MR. BALLOT: I suggest we break for lunch  
46 and come back and do this.

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48 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. How much time  
49 you want for lunch?

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1 MR. BALLOT: 1:30.

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3 CHAIRMAN STONEY: 1:30?

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5 MR. BALLOT: Yeah.

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7 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, since this issue  
8 of customary trade is a very important step to all of us  
9 up here in Northwest Alaska, not only here just about  
10 everywhere, there's a number of languages in there that  
11 we have to work with with all the agencies, so we'll come  
12 back after lunch and continue with this customary trade  
13 and we'll be back here by 1:30. Is that good enough --  
14 okay.

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16 (Off record)

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18 (On record)

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20 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Good afternoon. I hope  
21 you guys all had a good lunch and you're all ready to go.  
22 I'll call the meeting back to order, we're a little over  
23 1:30 now.

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25 We're still at customary trade,  
26 explanation and discussion on customary trade. Any  
27 further discussion before we take action, Tom, on this  
28 customary trade, any more discussions?

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30 MR. BOYD: I finished my briefing, Mr.  
31 Chair, and I guess I would just repeat that the Board is  
32 looking for recommendations from the Councils -- from  
33 your Council at this point and you may want to look at  
34 Page 16, the last comments and recommendations that you  
35 made to see if you want to either adopt that or go in  
36 another direction after receiving this information.

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38 MR. BALLOT: Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Percy.

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42 MR. BALLOT: On the last meeting we went  
43 with 11, 13 and 12, but for 12 with each household member  
44 not limited but it would be, like pro's or con's of  
45 whatever, like putting a thousand dollar number per  
46 household or per household member.

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48 CHAIRMAN STONEY: \$1,000 per household.

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50 MR. BALLOT: Uh-huh.

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1 ATTAMUK: No.

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3 MR. BALLOT: Per household member.

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5 ATTAMUK: Raymond, it was \$1,000 per  
6 person.

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8 MR. BALLOT: Per person.

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10 ATTAMUK: Uh-huh.

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12 MR. BALLOT: Okay.

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14 ATTAMUK: It was \$1,000 per person.

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16 CHAIRMAN STONEY: It was \$1,000 per  
17 person?

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19 ATTAMUK: Yes.

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21 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. And now.....

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23 ATTAMUK: So if you have 12 people you  
24 got it made.

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26 CHAIRMAN STONEY: 12,000.

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28 ATTAMUK: That's what 1,000 per person  
29 means, yeah.

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31 CHAIRMAN STONEY: So Tom, do you want  
32 recommendations individually, 11, 13 and then 12 or do  
33 you want one whole thing at one time?

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35 MR. BOYD: Well, I think the Council  
36 needs to look at 11, 12 and 13 and to see if that, the  
37 way we've structured those provisions are the way you  
38 would like to see these regulations develop.

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40 I mean obviously each of the alternatives  
41 sort of follows that order of things.

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43 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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45 MR. BOYD: However, you may look at it in  
46 a different way and decide that you would like to  
47 structure it in a different way. Obviously the way this  
48 is laid out in the three alternatives is sort of the  
49 culmination of getting public input, Council input prior  
50 to this time. We tried to craft alternatives that

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1 addressed everyone's concerns so there's been a lot of  
2 work to date on the way we've structured this. When we  
3 started this process we had one member from each of the  
4 10 Councils meeting over a series of meetings with  
5 Federal and State Staff to sort of get the ball rolling  
6 and develop an approach. So there's been a lot of  
7 thought put into what we've done to date.

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9 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yes.

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11 MR. BOYD: But as you have looked at  
12 this, you can make any recommendation you want and we  
13 provided a structure. I would recommend that you look  
14 hard at the way we've done it but you may want to go in a  
15 different direction as well. So I'm not saying yes or  
16 no.

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18 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Well, right now  
19 it's up to this committee now to decide what do they  
20 really want like -- what's your Eskimo name over there?

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22 ATTAMUK: Attamuk.

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24 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Attamuk.

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26 MS. JOHNSON: Attamuk.

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28 MR. BALLOT: Attamuk.

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30 CHAIRMAN STONEY: He said.....

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32 ATTAMUK: Under discussion.....

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34 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Well, before it was  
35 introduced as \$1,000 per person now you said because he's  
36 got 12 kids he'd wind up with 12,000 in just two days so  
37 -- so on these 11, 12 and 13 on Page 18 and 19, there's  
38 paragraphs in them. Now, like Tom said, since you guys  
39 are here today -- I know -- I guess you're probably not  
40 going home today anyway, the committee, except for the  
41 Staff, it's very important that you guys look at this  
42 paragraph very closely and then if you guys got any  
43 questions, Tom is here and Steve is here and they're here  
44 to answer some of the questions you might have. Of  
45 course there's other advisory committees in other parts  
46 of the state that got different ideas and lesser numbers  
47 on the money. So I'll leave it up to you guys to start  
48 off with 11 and then 12 and 13 and give Tom your  
49 recommendations by action.

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1 ATTAMUK: Raymond.

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3 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah.

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5 ATTAMUK: Under discussion, I'd like to  
6 recommend that we take it with the 1,000 per person limit  
7 with CIP included in there because -- index pricing --  
8 due to the price of go up we have to relook or reevaluate  
9 the 1,000 under CIP, conservative index pricing, you do  
10 it -- go up, you know, otherwise 10 years from now it's  
11 still going to be at \$1,000 with a limit to it. Is it  
12 possible for us to do it like that?

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14 MR. BOYD: Well, if you wanted to state a  
15 limit now.

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17 ATTAMUK: I could live with a limit of  
18 1,000 dollars.

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20 MR. BOYD: I mean these regulations could  
21 be revisited by the Council at a future date as well.

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23 ATTAMUK: Uh-huh.

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25 MR. BOYD: If that's what you're  
26 concerned about. I mean if you try to build in an  
27 increase now, it may not -- I mean it may be difficult to  
28 interpret what that means. You may want to just look at  
29 it now and then look at it a year or two or three from  
30 now if you want to go in that direction.

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32 ATTAMUK: Because the thousand dollars my  
33 grandpa gave me doesn't go far anymore. You know, 50  
34 years ago when he give it to me. I'll take it just with  
35 the 1,000 dollar limit I'm pretty happy with it, per  
36 person, at any -- with the exception of any subsistence  
37 fish -- not sold to any commercial, completely. Which I  
38 know it states here in it but I'm really backing up that  
39 one big time, no subsistence fish taken or sold to any  
40 dog mushers out there. Most dog mushers are under  
41 commercial now anyhow.

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43 MR. BALLOT: Second.

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45 ATTAMUK: What?

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47 CHAIRMAN STONEY: That's a motion?

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49 ATTAMUK: No, I was just doing it under  
50 comments.

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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3 ATTAMUK: I would put it under a motion  
4 if you wanted me to.

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6 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair.

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8 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Tom.

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10 MR. BOYD: I would have a question with  
11 if you're discussing a limit, would that be under 12  
12 then?

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14 ATTAMUK: It was under -- I'm pretty sure  
15 it was under 12.

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17 MR. BOYD: The sale to -- between rural  
18 residents and others?

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20 ATTAMUK: Under our region here, Region  
21 8, Northwest Alaska, we had a limit of \$1,000 someplace  
22 in the customary trade that Bert was working on and I  
23 don't see it under anywhere for our Region 8. Am I  
24 right, Willie, on that one, Bert had it under a \$1,000  
25 limit per person?

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27 MR. GOODWIN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. That  
28 was the topic of discussion that Bert had when he was on  
29 the task force.

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31 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yes.

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33 MR. GOODWIN: We discussed it at some  
34 length because there's a couple of species that -- and  
35 the unanswered question of whether or not dry fish is  
36 processed as part of the customary trade thing, I never  
37 did get a clear answer on that. Because there was some --  
38 there is dried fish that's bartered and traded or sold  
39 amongst each other.

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41 The other two species that were of real  
42 concern to us is the sheefish and the trout, we know that  
43 happens. We know there's potential abuse of the sheefish  
44 situation here in Kotzebue in Hotham Inlet. So we're  
45 certainly concerned about that. That's why we're  
46 proposing a limit. But on the other hand, we didn't want  
47 to leave it completely closed because we do have familiar  
48 that live in and around Hotham Inlet that do sell  
49 sheefish during the winter. So we were kind of leery  
50 about closing them down on a complete stop of this sale

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1 of subsistence caught fish.

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3 So your suggestion on a thousand per  
4 person is something that's probably acceptable today and  
5 can be revisited probably later on as things change. You  
6 know, we also want to leave the opportunity available for  
7 the people of Noatak and Kivalina with their fresh caught  
8 trout during the winter.

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10 Thank you.

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12 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Thank you, Willie.

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14 ATTAMUK: So could I ask -- Enoch here  
15 again. So like I was asking, since Willie brought the  
16 first part up, in the future, could we revisit this  
17 proposal or make changes in the future because we're  
18 talking about mainly whitefish right now? But we know  
19 there's a market out there for trout. Whether we like it  
20 or not, trout is a hot item even in the commercial  
21 fishing in the late fall season. I know the trout will  
22 go -- right now commercial fishing in a hurry first than  
23 the chum and they'll get a better price for it. Because  
24 I try to buy my same trout, what I sold down there in  
25 Anchorage and I couldn't believe it was over \$3 a pound  
26 down there after they get it for a quarter here.

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28 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair.

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30 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Tom.

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32 MR. BOYD: Would you ask the question  
33 again, I'm not sure I understood it.

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35 ATTAMUK: On the trout, like Willie  
36 stated, there's possible -- potential for subsistence  
37 caught char to be sold individually even amongst the  
38 villages, from the Noatak and the youngsters could sell  
39 trout to each other and that could easily hit the limit  
40 of \$1,000 in a hurry because a sack of trout right now  
41 will sell for 250 to \$300 and this is only this 100 pound  
42 gunnysack, whether it's a hundred pounds or not, I know  
43 they'll sell for 250 because I've seen them selling at  
44 that price and the kid will have five, six sacks in his  
45 sled.

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47 We have to look into that, too. We're  
48 all trying to be careful here.....

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50 MR. BOYD: Sure.

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1           ATTAMUK: .....I am, I don't know what  
2 Joe have to say about that, it's not only Kivalina, it's  
3 not only Noatak, you know, there's a lot of villages and  
4 that happens with sheefish in a hurry.

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6           MR. BOYD: Well, if you're asking if  
7 trout, char are covered under any of these.....

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9           ATTAMUK: Yes.

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11          MR. BOYD: .....alternatives the answer  
12 is yes because it deals with fish.

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14          ATTAMUK: Okay.

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16          MR. BOYD: So it's all fish. And I guess  
17 I would take it a step further and suggest that currently  
18 under say alternative one, no action under 11, you can  
19 sell an unlimited number or amount of fish to other rural  
20 residents, i.e., between residents of the region if you  
21 will.

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23          ATTAMUK: Uh-huh.

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25          MR. BOYD: It's 12 where you take it  
26 outside the region and sell to others -- other entities  
27 outside the region. And I'm not sure it's worded that  
28 way, it just says, others and rural residents so just --  
29 so that's where generally people have been coming in with  
30 dollar limits, where some of the other Councils have  
31 recommended dollar limits. Generally they haven't  
32 recommended limits under 11 where you sell within the  
33 region.

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35          ATTAMUK: So what you're saying, we could  
36 take recommendation 11 just the way it is, residents  
37 could sell without -- unlimited.

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39          MR. BOYD: Within the region.

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41          ATTAMUK: Within the region.

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43          CHAIRMAN STONEY: In the region, yes.

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45          MR. BOYD: Yeah. And I think the  
46 recognition there is generally that it's somewhat self-  
47 limiting, it's not a big market.

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49          ATTAMUK: It's not a -- yes.

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1 MR. BOYD: And it's probably going on  
2 anyway, so that's what some of the feeling has been.

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4 ATTAMUK: Uh-huh.

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6 MR. BOYD: But 12 is where we felt that  
7 it was getting into marketing outside of the region and  
8 having a buyer come in and that sort of thing.

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10 ATTAMUK: Right.

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12 MR. BOYD: So that's where other Councils  
13 have looked at it and said that's where we need to put  
14 some kind of a cap on it or not allow it all.

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16 ATTAMUK: So they want us to pick the 11,  
17 12 or 13 then or we could say accept 11.....

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19 MR. BOYD: No, no.

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21 CHAIRMAN STONEY: No. Individually.

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23 MR. FRIED: No, no.

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25 MR. BOYD: Yeah, you could address each  
26 one individually because one deals with sales.....

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28 ATTAMUK: Okay.

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30 MR. BOYD: .....within the area, one  
31 deals with sales out of the area.....

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33 ATTAMUK: Okay, I got you, thanks.

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35 MR. BOYD: .....if you will and then 13  
36 deals with sales to individual businesses basically.

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38 CHAIRMAN STONEY: So you're waiting now  
39 for recommendations now on these three sections, 11 12  
40 and 13 and you require action.

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42 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair, I'll just remind  
43 you that on Page 16 last time you recommended adopting  
44 Sections 11 and 13 and 12 with the regional limitations,  
45 it says option four. That was in the last set of options  
46 and I don't remember what that was. But you said, for  
47 Section 12, include the total cash value per household  
48 member of salmon taken in the Kotzebue area exchange in  
49 customary trade or barter to others is not limited.

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1 ATTAMUK: But we still need to put a  
2 limit, it would look better if we.....

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4 MR. BOYD: I'm just reminding you of what  
5 you said the last time.

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7 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yes.

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9 ATTAMUK: Uh-huh.

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11 MR. BOYD: I mean you have that  
12 prerogative.

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14 ATTAMUK: Okay.

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16 MR. BOYD: It might be easier to take  
17 these one at a time and kind of break them down.

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19 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah.

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21 MR. BOYD: That may help you focus your  
22 discussion.

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24 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah.

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26 MR. BALLOT: Mr. Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Percy.

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30 MR. BALLOT: Well, I'll just move to  
31 approve, going along with Section 11 on customary trade.

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33 CHAIRMAN STONEY: As written?

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35 MR. BALLOT: As is.

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37 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Okay, there's a  
38 motion from Percy on Section 11 as written.

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40 ATTAMUK: I'll second.

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42 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Second by Enoch. Any  
43 further discussions on Section 11.

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45 MR. BOYD: Clarification, Mr. Chair.

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47 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Tom.

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49 MR. BOYD: That means as written in  
50 alternative one or the proposed rule?

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Uh-huh.

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3 MR. BOYD: Okay.

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5 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Any further discussion.

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7 MR. BALLOT: Question.

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9 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Question's been called  
10 for. Any objection to the question. If none, all in  
11 favor of Section 11 to approve signify by saying aye.

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13 IN UNISON: Aye.

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15 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Opposed.

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17 (No opposing votes)

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19 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Tom, that  
20 Section 11 is adopted as written. Section 11.

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22 MR. BOYD: Okay.

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24 ATTAMUK: Just to make it clear we should  
25 say which page are we agreeing to on the customary number  
26 11 is -- how many different references here you're using.

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28 MR. BOYD: That's why I was asking.

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30 ATTAMUK: Yes, how many different  
31 references -- we need to get our stuff together and say  
32 we're talking about what page and you could all read it.  
33 I think we might be all looking at Page 15, 14, 16, so  
34 let's refer to one page.

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36 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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38 ATTAMUK: Okay.

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40 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Next item is Section  
41 12.

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43 MS. MEYERS: Page 59.

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45 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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47 MS. MEYERS: 59, the original proposed  
48 rule, is that what you're asking?

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50 ATTAMUK: Yeah, I'm asking -- excuse me,

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1 Raymond.

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3 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah.

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5 ATTAMUK: Back to that.....

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7 CHAIRMAN STONEY: 11.

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9 ATTAMUK: Yeah, 11. We need to all agree  
10 with Number 11, or on 11 -- but they're talking about  
11 different regions for number 11, see.

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13 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Oh.

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15 ATTAMUK: See, we're talking about our  
16 region, number 11 and we're on Page 16 and that's all I  
17 want to do is make sure we're on the right page and we're  
18 all agreeing to it. You understand what I'm saying,  
19 Percy?

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21 MR. BALLOT: Yes.

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23 ATTAMUK: Your reference.

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25 MR. JACK: Mr. Chairman.

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27 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah.

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29 MR. JACK: The proposed rule that was  
30 acted by the Board is on Page 1 of the supplemental  
31 material, that is the proposed rule. So I guess your  
32 action on 11 is within the context of 11 on Page 1.

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34 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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36 MR. BALLOT: Transaction between rural  
37 residents.

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39 ATTAMUK: Okay.

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41 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Okay?

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43 ATTAMUK: Uh-huh.

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45 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah. So we're on 11?

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47 MR. BALLOT: Uh-huh.

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49 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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1 ATTAMUK: Uh-huh, 11.

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3 CHAIRMAN STONEY: And that's a move on 11  
4 and a second?

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6 MR. BALLOT: Right.

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8 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Any further  
9 discussion on proposed rule Section 11. Further  
10 discussion.

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12 MR. BALLOT: Question.

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14 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Question's been called  
15 for. Objection to the question on Section 11 on the  
16 proposed rule. If not, all in favor of Section 11 on the  
17 proposed rule signify by saying aye.

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19 IN UNISON: Aye.

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21 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Opposed.

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23 (No opposing votes)

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25 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, got it. Got that  
26 Tom?

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28 MR. BOYD: Yes.

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30 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Now, we're on  
31 proposed rule, transactions between the rural residents  
32 and others, Section 12.

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34 MR. BALLOT: Mr. Chairman.

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36 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Percy.

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38 MR. BALLOT: For that part there we would  
39 go along until we went into -- up to other than rural  
40 residents is permitted but limited to \$1,000 per person;  
41 would that be the motion?

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43 ATTAMUK: Yeah.

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45 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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47 ATTAMUK: I'd like to see it like that.  
48 I like the dollar amount put in there just for reasons,  
49 there's some individuals out there that might go over  
50 that limit and hurt our subsistence.

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1 MR. BALLOT: Okay, then Mr. Chairman,  
2 then that would be my motion is to read as follows, that,  
3 all the way up to rural residents is permitted but  
4 limited to \$1,000 per person, unless there's a better  
5 wording that.....

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7 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, \$1,000 per  
8 person?

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10 MR. BALLOT: Uh-huh.

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12 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. That's your  
13 motion?

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15 MR. BALLOT: Uh-huh.

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17 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. That's a motion  
18 by Percy.

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20 MS. JOHNSON: And I second it.

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22 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Second by Lillian. Any  
23 further discussion on Section 12.

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25 MR. JACK: Well, Mr. Chairman,  
26 clarification.

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28 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Carl.

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30 MR. JACK: During the last comment  
31 period, and this was based on the discussions by the  
32 Customary Trade Task Force when they addressed number 12,  
33 they were addressing salmon only. While the  
34 understanding was that the other species of fish would --  
35 it would be left to the Council to set a limit on other  
36 species, other than salmon, the proposed rule here under  
37 12 customary trade for fish.....

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39 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Uh-huh.

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41 MR. JACK: .....it does not say salmon, I  
42 guess it would include any species of fish.

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44 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Of fish, yes.

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46 MR. JACK: So that's what it is.

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48 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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50 MR. BALLOT: Question.

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Question's been called  
2 for. Any objection to the question on Section 12. No  
3 objections, all in favor of adopting Section 12 signify  
4 by saying aye.

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6 IN UNISON: Aye.

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8 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Opposed.

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10 (No opposing votes)

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12 CHAIRMAN STONEY: So your motion is  
13 adopting section as written, is that right, Percy?

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15 MR. BALLOT: No.

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17 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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19 MR. BALLOT: It's to read all the way up  
20 to other than rural residents is permitted but limited to  
21 \$1,000 per person.

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23 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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25 MR. BALLOT: I was asking if that's a  
26 good enough wording for this Council.

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28 ATTAMUK: That's what I was going to ask  
29 Tom.

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31 MR. BOYD: Yes, I think we can work with  
32 that.

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34 ATTAMUK: Because in our unit here we'd  
35 like to see a limit on the amount of salmon that could be  
36 taken. We understand what you're saying Carl, that it's  
37 just on salmon, you know, but we still understand.

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39 MR. JACK: The proposed rule is  
40 different, it talks about fish, it would include any  
41 fish, is that your understanding?

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43 MR. BOYD: The way I understand the  
44 motion is that it's taking off from the wording of the  
45 proposed rule on Page 1 and Part 12, it says;  
46 transactions between rural residents and others,  
47 customary trade for fish, their parts or their eggs  
48 legally taken under the regulations in this part from a  
49 rural resident to commercial entities other than  
50 fisheries businesses or from a rural resident to

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1 individuals other than rural residents is permitted but  
2 is limited to \$1,000 per person.

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4 MR. BALLOT: Right.

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6 MR. BOYD: Is that correct, Percy?

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8 MR. BALLOT: Uh-huh, yeah.

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10 MR. BOYD: Okay. And what we did was we  
11 omitted the last part of that last sentence that says as  
12 long as -- we scratched, as long as the customary trade  
13 does not constitute a significant commercial enterprise.  
14 That part was deleted; is that correct, Percy?

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16 MR. BALLOT: Right.

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18 MR. BOYD: Okay.

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20 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. The motion's  
21 already been stated and seconded and approved; is that  
22 correct?

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24 MR. BALLOT: Right.

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26 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, thank you Percy,  
27 you're doing great on this one right here, I like that.

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29 MR. BALLOT: Uh-huh.

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31 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Now, the last one, the  
32 section on number 13.

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34 MR. BALLOT: Mr. Chairman, I'll must move  
35 to approve as it is written here.

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37 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. The motion from  
38 Percy is to adopt Section 13 as written. Is there a  
39 second?

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41 ATTAMUK: Second.

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43 CHAIRMAN STONEY: You second?

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45 ATTAMUK: Yes, sir.

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47 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Second by Enoch. Any  
48 further discussion on Section 13.

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50 MR. BALLOT: Question.

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Question's been called  
2 for, any objection to the question? If none, all in  
3 favor of adopting Section 13 signify by saying aye.

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5 IN UNISON: Aye.

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7 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Opposed.

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9 (No opposing votes)

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11 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Tom, Section 13  
12 is approved by this committee as written.

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14 MR. BOYD: Okay.

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16 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Got it.

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18 MR. BOYD: Got it.

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20 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, we will continue  
21 on. I'm glad this thing has been looked over carefully  
22 and I certainly hope that it benefits somebody. I like  
23 what you said, the proposed rule, I'm glad you got that  
24 out.

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26 Okay, we'll continue on. We're down to  
27 Item 11, Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program. I  
28 believe it's Steve. And then I think there's a pass-out,  
29 right?

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31 MR. FRIED: Yes.

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33 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Is that pass-out about  
34 the monitoring program.

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36 MR. FRIED: There's also information  
37 under Tab H.

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39 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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41 MR. FRIED: And the only thing I passed  
42 out that's under Tab H is something called Strategic  
43 Planning and it's actually the same thing that's under  
44 the tab, I thought it might be easier to use it that way,  
45 if we had a handout, too.

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47 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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49 MR. FRIED: The other thing I passed out  
50 was a status report on the projects that are funded.



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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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3 MR. FRIED: Just for information. I  
4 wasn't really looking to discuss it during this meeting  
5 unless anybody had questions but I was going to go into  
6 more detail about the projects and their status in our  
7 winter meeting.

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9 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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11 MR. FRIED: So in this meeting I'd like  
12 to just focus on the 2003 Monitoring Plan which really  
13 will consist of the recommendations for what studies to  
14 fund in 2003, this coming year, and then I'd like to get  
15 the Board's opinion and some discussion on the issues and  
16 information needs for the 2004 call for proposal to see  
17 if the ones that we used for 2003 need to be added to or  
18 modified for the next time we fund proposals.

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20 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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22 MR. FRIED: So I guess the first thing I  
23 might want to bring to your attention is on Page 65 under  
24 Tab H and there's a bar graph there, maybe there's not --  
25 it's on Page 70, excuse me. And there's a bar graph and  
26 there's the graph that shows, if you look on the bottom  
27 for fiscal year 2003 and the total height of that bar  
28 represents how much money is available for the Fisheries  
29 Resource Monitoring Program in 2003 and that's about  
30 \$7.25 million. But out of that amount, some of that's  
31 already being -- is going to be spent for other things  
32 other than the 2003 projects. Those other things are  
33 funding projects from 2001 to 2002 that were going on for  
34 more than one year and that takes about \$4.5 million out  
35 of that 7.25. And the other thing is the Partners  
36 Program, which is new, we'll talk about that later under  
37 agency reports but that takes about \$850,000 out of that.  
38 So what's remaining is about \$1,800,000 statewide for new  
39 projects for this upcoming year for 2003. And out of  
40 that about \$238,000 will be -- was initially allocated  
41 for the Arctic/Kotzebue/Norton Sound area.

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43 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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45 MR. FRIED: So that's what we're looking  
46 at when the proposals came in.

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48 CHAIRMAN STONEY: How much?

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50 MR. FRIED: \$238,000.

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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3 MR. FRIED: And actually you can see that  
4 on the next page, there's that Table 1, Table 2. If you  
5 look at Table 2 and you look down the last column on  
6 target under total and if you go across on rows,  
7 Arctic/Kotzebue/Norton Sound you can see in bold letters  
8 there's \$238,000 and that's what was kind of the formula  
9 allocation that we started out with when we started  
10 looking at proposals.

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12 The other thing, within this amount in  
13 2003, that was considered when the call went out, is  
14 that, there was some studies that were ending, you know,  
15 before 2002. So some of these studies were like three  
16 year studies, 2002 would be the third year they were  
17 going to stop but they were studies that were providing  
18 information that probably was still needed for management  
19 and things like salmon counting from towers and weirs and  
20 so there were some -- when the call went out there was an  
21 indication that, you know, the investigators who were  
22 doing these projects were invited to submit one more year  
23 for those projects so that we could continue them and  
24 then have a discussion for 2004 as to how much longer and  
25 how many of those kind of projects we wanted to keep  
26 carrying within the Fisheries Resource Monitoring  
27 Program.

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29 As far as this region goes, it starts on  
30 Page 73 in your books, but basically there's been a lot  
31 of issues and needs that this Council has identified and  
32 it includes such things such as seasonal movement  
33 patterns, abundance, stock structure of char, dolly  
34 varden and Arctic char. There's been a lot of interest  
35 in the effects of sportfishing on species such as  
36 sheefish and char. Interest in gaining more information  
37 on subsistence harvest patterns and trends and also on  
38 documenting traditional ecological knowledge and use.

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40 So those are some of the more important  
41 issues that, you know, were identified and that the TRC  
42 that evaluated them, the proposals we're looking at.

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44 There were actually four study proposals  
45 that were submitted originally. And three of these were  
46 actually advanced for further consideration. And there's  
47 a map on Page 75 that shows where these three studies  
48 are. And as it turns out, there's one study that's  
49 within each Council region in this area. The study  
50 that's within the Northwest Arctic is number 03-016, it's

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1 harvest identification, during the spring and fall  
2 subsistence fisheries in the Selawik River drainage in  
3 the National Wildlife Refuge.

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5 ATTAMUK: Is this the whitefish project?

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7 MR. FRIED: That's mainly focused on  
8 whitefish, that's correct.

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10 ATTAMUK: Uh-huh.

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12 MR. FRIED: And the remaining one, there  
13 is one that was in the Seward Penn region on the  
14 Pikmiktalik River for salmon, another one on North Slope  
15 which focused on Arctic cisco and dolly varden.

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17 ATTAMUK: Is this all coming out from the  
18 238, these studies here, these three you're talking  
19 about?

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21 MR. FRIED: These studies would be coming  
22 out of the \$238,000, right, that's available for 2003.

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24 ATTAMUK: Could I change the subject a  
25 little bit Raymond?

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27 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Enoch.

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29 ATTAMUK: I know the Fish and Wildlife  
30 Service did a study on catch and release, you know, on  
31 these fish here and even if you touch the fish on the  
32 catch and release that within 24 hours they would die and  
33 these studies were done in a confined area in Fairbanks,  
34 right, am I wrong? Jim, did you hear that guy that did  
35 his presentation?

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37 MR. FRIED: I thought there was some Fish  
38 and Game studies, weren't there on catch and release?

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40 ATTAMUK: Yeah, Fish and Game did a study  
41 in Fairbanks in a confined area. Because under catch and  
42 -- that's my concern I'm going to lead to, that under  
43 catch and release it really destroys the fish. That was  
44 in 24 hours is what he said, that's the way I understand  
45 it.

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47 MR. FRIED: Actually the point of  
48 disagreement was the fact that they didn't find a lot of  
49 mortality within a short time period, within 24 hours or  
50 so. But people were still concerned that maybe over a

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1 long time period there actually still might be some  
2 effects. If I remember correctly I think that's what  
3 the.....

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5 ATTAMUK: I was there at the -- I was  
6 there, I went to hear what he had to say because he  
7 called me up and told me he was going to give it and  
8 that's my understanding. I know I'm changing it a little  
9 bit but that's my concern I got here with the catch and  
10 release.

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12 MR. FRIED: I think it was -- was it a  
13 sheefish study that you're talking about?

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15 ATTAMUK: Yes.

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17 MR. FRIED: Okay, yes.

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19 ATTAMUK: Because with the barbs, he was  
20 talking about still like when they even touched the fish,  
21 you know, to grab it and release it they hold it and they  
22 play with the -- you're catching and you're taking the  
23 slime off and that will expose it to river disease and  
24 within 24 hours -- he said -- that's what I heard anyhow  
25 unless my hearing is leaving me.

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27 MR. FRIED: No, I think we're both right  
28 actually. I think what they did was they looked at that  
29 and they looked at where the fish was hooked and  
30 depending on where the fish was hooked also depended on  
31 what the mortality was even in a short time period.

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33 ATTAMUK: Uh-huh.

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35 MR. FRIED: So you know if it was fish it  
36 was hooked in a gill and there's a lot of bleeding, a lot  
37 of times the fish would die.....

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39 ATTAMUK: Yes.

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41 MR. FRIED: .....fairly quickly.

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43 ATTAMUK: Right.

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45 MR. FRIED: So you're correct in that.  
46 But the fish that were not hooked in that way and were  
47 released properly and put in they survived and that was --  
48 but the point of contention was it was a short-term  
49 study so they didn't know what the long-term effects were  
50 and two, it was done by Fish and Game, they were trained

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1 biologists and there was some concern that maybe a  
2 regular sportfisherman didn't treat the sheefish in the  
3 same way.

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5 ATTAMUK: Yeah, I hear it from a couple  
6 people saying when they talk to me, when they see me,  
7 that they do see a lot of fish come down and these are  
8 spawning fish. These are adult fish that are full of  
9 eggs and they don't have any and they no they're not  
10 spawning because they're hurt when they do end up with  
11 big lumps in them but they're all half dead by the time  
12 they go by the village of Kobuk. And that's happening a  
13 lot up in the Kobuk, catch and release. So that's why I  
14 had a concern about it.

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16 I would like to see in the future, if  
17 they ever get done with this project, I got an interest  
18 in the trout, too, but the Kobuk -- up the Kobuk on the  
19 catch and release in the wild, they need to be revisiting  
20 and looked into.

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22 MR. FRIED: Yeah, maybe we could take  
23 that up, too, in issues because we can focus the 2004  
24 call if the Council, you know, thinks there's a certain  
25 issue that's more important than any of the other ones.

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27 ATTAMUK: Morality rate might be way --  
28 percentage might be -- versus all the other fish they  
29 might be pretty low.

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31 MR. FRIED: Right.

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33 ATTAMUK: You know, but still with the  
34 increasing numbers of transporters taking people out  
35 there, the mortality rate will have to increase, it's not  
36 going to drop.

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38 MR. FRIED: But for 2003 there isn't any  
39 study that's going to look at that. In fact like I  
40 mentioned the only one that's in this area would be, you  
41 know, whitefish and pike characteristics, you know, in  
42 the subsistence fisheries.

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44 MS. JOHNSON: I have something to say  
45 about it, too.

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47 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Lillian.

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49 MS. JOHNSON: I'm from Kobuk, upper Kobuk  
50 area and I seen that, what he is talking about, you know,

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1 lure hooking and catching and just pull it off and when  
2 it -- when they put it there and take the lure off some  
3 of them, little bit of bleeding because the gills, when  
4 you make a hole it bleeds a lot and sometimes sheefish  
5 that's somewhere, I seen that, too. And we don't like  
6 that kind. Sheefish we got for our subsistence food.

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8 And besides that, I got one question --  
9 some more questions here, what is a red fish and blue  
10 fish; what kind are those, you know, the real name?

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12 (Laughter)

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14 MS. JOHNSON: I never see a red fish and  
15 blue fish up there, besides grayling and suckers.

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17 (Laughter)

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19 MR. FRIED: Oh, you're talking about the  
20 study that was funded.

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22 MS. JOHNSON: Yeah, that's a monitoring  
23 studies here.

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25 MR. FRIED: Yeah, that's just a cute  
26 little title that's -- there's a Dr. Seuss book for  
27 children called one fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish  
28 and it kind of rhymed and the investigator decided he was  
29 going to use that for his title. It's basically just it  
30 was a study on -- it had nothing to do with red fish and  
31 blue fish.

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33 MS. JOHNSON: I thought we started  
34 growing some vegetable fish up there.

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36 (Laughter)

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38 MR. FRIED: Some place red fish is a  
39 reference to spawning or spawned out salmon but other  
40 than that and a blue fish is actually a marine fish on  
41 the east coast. But I don't think it had anything to do  
42 with that.

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44 Anyhow, but there were three studies  
45 under consideration and the Technical Review Committee,  
46 the TRC recommended in their recommendation that all  
47 three studies should be funded but they did have some  
48 modifications that they'd like to see the investigators  
49 do before the studies were done.

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1 Now, the cost of funding these three  
2 studies was about \$165,000 which was actually less than  
3 the amount of funds that were originally allocated for  
4 the region so there was like another \$73,000 that really  
5 wasn't used in this region. And if you look at the  
6 tables back on one and two in the introduction, I mean  
7 the total amount of money was actually used, so what  
8 happened was that money got used in other regions.  
9 That's the way it happened to balance out after the TRC  
10 went through. As far as detailed information on the  
11 project.....

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13 CHAIRMAN STONEY: This is all Federal  
14 funding, right?

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16 MR. FRIED: This is all the funding,  
17 right for the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program, it's  
18 Federal funding from the Office of Subsistence Management  
19 program.

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21 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Right.

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23 MR. FRIED: And there's more detailed  
24 information starting on Page 83. I'm not sure if this  
25 Council's interested in learning about all three studies  
26 or just the one in their particular region. The one  
27 within the region you could find on Page 91 and that's  
28 the one on harvest identification during spring and fall  
29 subsistence fisheries in the Selawik River drainage in  
30 the National Wildlife Refuge and then it would be done,  
31 at this point, but the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,  
32 the Fairbanks office and also the Selawik National  
33 Wildlife Refuge Staff.

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35 The Technical Review Committee, one of  
36 the comments they had was to increase the local  
37 involvement in that. And the investigators are looking  
38 into cooperating with, I think with Selawik IRA. It's a  
39 one year study. The initial cost was about \$20,000.  
40 With the modification to include more local involvement  
41 that cost would probably be more than that. And we're  
42 supposed to get modified plans back by October 15th. The  
43 investigators are here from Fish and Wildlife Service and  
44 the National Wildlife Refuge and they'd be happy to  
45 answer questions from the Council about this study. And  
46 basically, though, the purpose of this study was to  
47 identify fishes using both the local names and the  
48 Western scientific names and to also collect some data on  
49 the fish from the catches like the age and the size of  
50 the fish, the maturity of the fish.

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1           So I don't know how the Council would  
2 like to handle this. What we'd like to do is get a  
3 recommendation from the Council either on all three  
4 studies or just on the study within this region as to  
5 whether you support the TRC recommendation or if you  
6 don't or if there's some other modifications you'd like  
7 to see on the study. You know and these recommendations  
8 eventually go to the Federal Subsistence Board when they  
9 make their final funding decisions.

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11           CHAIRMAN STONEY: You want action on this  
12 or recommendations or is it just a.....

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14           MR. FRIED: Eventually. I mean I don't  
15 know if you'd like to hear from the Fairbanks office,  
16 Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Wildlife  
17 Refuge, Selawik Staff if you have specific questions  
18 about this particular one then, yeah, you could discuss  
19 it and then decide whether or not, yes, you agree with  
20 the TRC, you know, that this should be funded, you know,  
21 if those modifications were fine or if there's some other  
22 modifications that you'd like.

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24           MS. AYRES: Mr. Chair.

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26           CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yes.

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28           MS. AYRES: I'd like to just, if I could,  
29 just say a few things about the project.

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31           CHAIRMAN STONEY: Sure.

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33           MS. AYRES: First of all one of the  
34 things, although I'm not directly involved in the project  
35 itself, I'd like to kind of help put it in context of the  
36 other studies that are going on with whitefish and Susan  
37 Georgette's work that's been going on for you so you can  
38 kind of see where this project fits into kind of a larger  
39 picture of looking at whitefish in the Selawik drainage.

40

41           First of all, I guess, the most important  
42 thing is to thank the Council. Two years ago you brought  
43 to our attention the need for more information on  
44 whitefish, especially in the Selawik drainage and the  
45 Kobuk drainages and we listened to that and we took your  
46 advice and that's what a number of the studies that are  
47 going on have been kind of inspired by.

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49           The Refuge funded Susan Georgette's work  
50 looking at actually collecting information from people in



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1 Selawik on what they already knew about whitefish and  
2 that work was done from June and finished up in April.  
3 And as usual she did a superb job and people really  
4 enjoyed talking to her about what they knew about  
5 whitefish already. And out of her work and people's  
6 discussions, one of the things that came up was an  
7 interest in knowing more about the taxonomy of the fish  
8 they were catching, the discrepancy between the numbers  
9 of species and what they were calling them and what  
10 Western science was calling them. And so that's where  
11 one of the aspects of this project that Steve has before  
12 you for funding, that's where the objective was developed  
13 from. The other aspect is just looking at the  
14 composition of the catch that's occurring with whitefish.

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16 And Enoch, you mentioned the number of  
17 different species and this would be something that would  
18 help document what actually is being caught.

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20 Fortunately Susan's project with  
21 whitefish is continuing. The Refuge just funded the  
22 first year and the Office of Subsistence Management has  
23 picked up further funding on that project so that's going  
24 to -- so she's going to be continuing with that and  
25 she'll be talking about that in her agency report.

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27 I guess one of the things I wanted to --  
28 well, two things that I think are important is one that  
29 there's not a number of different separate projects going  
30 on with whitefish that we're trying to coordinate the  
31 work and have results of one project feed off or develop  
32 the objectives for the next and have local people  
33 involved for those projects. So there's not a lot of  
34 different separate projects going on they're all kind of  
35 one.

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37 One of the reasons that there may be  
38 still some money on the table this year from projects is  
39 that we felt it was really important for Susan to finish  
40 her project and collect the information that's already  
41 known about whitefish before we started any more in depth  
42 studies. And so I think sometimes going a little slower  
43 and making sure that our project are focused on the right  
44 thing and we're utilizing what's already known is really  
45 important. So we hope that we can kind of continue  
46 taking little steps, taking what people have already told  
47 us is known about them and helping fill in the blanks  
48 there and work with the people in Selawik to do that.

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50 That's my spiel on whitefish. And if you

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1 have any questions Susan's work has produced a wonderful  
2 report covering some of the things that she learned in  
3 Selawik. And also Clyde Ramoth, our RIT is here and he  
4 assisted Susan in some of the interviews so if you have  
5 any questions about the project or how it worked in the  
6 community there feel free to ask him, too.

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8 That's all I have to say, thanks.

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10 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Is that it?

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12 MR. FRIED: Yeah, that's it. Now, it's  
13 up to you to decide whether or not you like the -- or  
14 vote for, you know, accepting or rejecting, you know,  
15 just that project or all three. I mean just for  
16 information purposes when I did this with the North Slope  
17 Council, they just took action on the project within  
18 their area and they tabled, you know, took no action on  
19 the other two, they decided to let the other Councils  
20 decide what kind of studies to fund for their areas.

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22 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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24 ATTAMUK: And I'm happy with the  
25 whitefish project and I would like to see this one keep  
26 on going for the 20,200 -- you know, fund it. Like I  
27 still got interest on the trout, that being studied  
28 because we could also compare with our study versus the  
29 one in Koyukuk -- I think it's in Koyukuk, where's the  
30 other one at, in Kaktovik. And I'd like to see one done --  
31 study -- and if we decide to do one on the trout in the  
32 future we could -- we know the trout never go to the same  
33 drainage, you know, and I always have concern over the  
34 trout here also. And I'm real bad in my other meetings  
35 up the food chain and the value of the metals in the  
36 fish. We not only have to worry about regulating and  
37 watching the harvest of our fish we need to worry about  
38 the safety levels for the people. I might be off right  
39 here, but I still got concerns of safety levels of the  
40 food chain, the trend that might be changing. We need to  
41 start taking that and now for the future for us to use,  
42 you know, for the -- if there's any metals in the foods.  
43 Because I know down in the Lower 48, they're really  
44 contaminated and knock on wood, we're still lucky but  
45 whatever's coming down in the snow and the rain we don't  
46 know. Because if they do crash for some reason or the  
47 other it's going to fall to us. That's why I really  
48 support this whitefish study big time.

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50 There's so many different -- there's five

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1 different kinds of whitefish. They're not only in the  
2 Selawik area, they're in Kiana and everything, Noatak and  
3 Kivalina. Those fish are.

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5 I'm just trying to say I support this but  
6 I'd sure like to in the future sometime worry about the  
7 fish, you know how's the levels, you know, in the metal.  
8 I know some places might have heavier mercury than the  
9 others, international causes out there, you know, because  
10 all the rivers and drainages are not the same, even in  
11 the same rivers, in creeks and stuff.

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13 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Anything Percy.

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15 MR. BALLOT: Nothing.

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17 CHAIRMAN STONEY: I think we all support  
18 the projects.

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20 MR. BALLOT: I'm just willing to support  
21 the Selawik project.

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23 MR. FRIED: You all support, okay.

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25 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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27 ATTAMUK: You want to -- I propose we  
28 support 03-016, I put it in proposal form.

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30 CHAIRMAN STONEY: That's your motion  
31 Enoch?

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33 ATTAMUK: I put it in a motion.

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35 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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37 ATTAMUK: That we support 03-016.

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39 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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41 MR. BALLOT: Second.

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43 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Motion by Enoch, second  
44 by Percy. Any further discussion.

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46 MR. BALLOT: Question.

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48 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Any further discussion.

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50 MR. BALLOT: Modification, I was just

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1 wondering, wasn't there going to be a kind of like study  
2 done in the future for beaver versus fish and stuff like  
3 that? Beaver dams or whatever, impact.

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5 MR. FRIED: Not for this area but there  
6 has been one done in the Yukon drainage. Actually there  
7 was a TEK study done in the Yukon drainage and an actual  
8 field study done in that drainage and we could provide  
9 you with the reports, those are done. And my  
10 understanding was that, you know, there's some good  
11 things and bad things about beavers and beaver dams. So  
12 it really wasn't -- it didn't really show, you know, one  
13 thing or another, it just sort of right down the middle,  
14 even with the TEK studies. We can provide some copies of  
15 the reports for you if you're interested?

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17 MR. BALLOT: Thank you.

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19 MS. AYRES: Also, Percy -- LeeAnn Ayres,  
20 Selawik Refuge. We're really fortunate, Randy Brown was  
21 the investigator on that project in the Yukon and he's  
22 actually going to be participating in being up and doing  
23 some of the field work in this coming spring if this  
24 project is funded. So we'll have an excellent  
25 opportunity to kind of have him take a look at the area  
26 and see if he can give us some advice of how we could go  
27 about monitoring that and also what types of effects  
28 beavers here might be having on whitefish. So I think  
29 we'll be real fortunate to have somebody who has been  
30 working on that topic and looking at how to measure those  
31 effects up here in the field around Selawik.

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33 MR. BALLOT: Uh-huh, thank you.

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35 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Still on discussions.

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37 MR. BALLOT: Question.

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39 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Question's been called  
40 for, any objection to the question. If none, all in  
41 favor of recommending for continuation of the funding  
42 signify by saying aye.

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44 IN UNISON: Aye.

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46 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Opposed.

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48 (No opposing votes)

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50 CHAIRMAN STONEY: You got your project.

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1 MR. FRIED: Okay.

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3 CHAIRMAN STONEY: It's about time for  
4 break, so we have a very brief one here, the next item,  
5 annual report.

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7 MR. FRIED: Well, actually we're not done  
8 here yet.

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10 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Oh, you're not done  
11 yet, oh, excuse me.

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13 MR. FRIED: You don't get rid of me that  
14 easy.

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16 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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18 MR. FRIED: There was actually one  
19 statewide proposal that was submitted also.

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21 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Uh-huh.

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23 MR. FRIED: And I don't know if this  
24 Council wants to consider that one but the Technical  
25 Review Committee actually recommended that it not be  
26 funded. It had to do with salmon escapement goals. The  
27 description is on Page 99.

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29 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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31 ATTAMUK: Enoch here. I think we should  
32 stay away from commercial fishing. I think that's what  
33 it all leads to, escapement goal for commercial fishing,  
34 that's just the way I see it when I see it here.

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36 MR. FRIED: Well, some of the comments  
37 and reviewers on this one was that it wasn't really  
38 directed specifically towards subsistence fisheries and  
39 the fact that it wouldn't necessarily provide a product  
40 at the end of three years that would actually be useable.  
41 But there's a lot of interest in salmon escapement goals  
42 but the TRC didn't think this was the project that was  
43 really fit for that. So I don't know if this Council  
44 just wants to take no action or support the TRC  
45 recommendation or what.

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47 ATTAMUK: I propose that we take no  
48 action on 03-039.

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50 CHAIRMAN STONEY: That's your motion.

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1           ATTAMUK: Motion. Take no action on 03-  
2 039, that's the one he was talking about for salmon,  
3 population.

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5           CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Motion's been  
6 made, 03-039, motion made by Enoch, second.

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8           MR. AREY: I second it.

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10          CHAIRMAN STONEY: Second by Joe. Any  
11 further discussion.

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13          MR. BALLOT: I wasn't too clear on  
14 Enoch, why you wanted to not take no action.

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16          ATTAMUK: This is probably -- I'm the one  
17 that looked at it and I looked at it and it's just more  
18 into commercial fishing and it don't really leads to  
19 subsistence here. That's just the way I read it when I  
20 looked at it last week, this proposal here, the one he  
21 was saying. I would say we would take no action on it  
22 because it's not being supported by the agencies.

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24          You could look at it, I'll give you time  
25 to look at it if you want.

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27          MR. AREY: I seconded it.

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29          ATTAMUK: I know. Maybe if you explain  
30 it to them a little bit they'll understand it.

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32          (Pause)

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34          CHAIRMAN STONEY: We're still on  
35 discussion.

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37          MR. FRIED: Do you need some more  
38 explanation or would you like some more explanation?

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40          (Pause)

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42          MR. FRIED: Basically what it would do is  
43 develop another approach to try to set salmon spawning  
44 escapement goals. And it would do it by taking this  
45 investigator's technique of having a computer spread  
46 sheet, and I don't know if anybody's used Excel or some  
47 of those spread sheets where you plug numbers in and it  
48 can do a calculation and a spread sheet, and he wanted to  
49 have a model that would work in a spread sheet. And what  
50 he wanted to do was going to be a life history study, so

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1 you'd have different survivals from, say, from the egg to  
2 the juveniles to the smolt, you know, to adult and back  
3 and then also have something in there about nutrient  
4 cycling, the important of nutrients and put this all in a  
5 model and kind of test the model and he was suggesting  
6 that the only -- that the information available to test  
7 this model was probably available from coho salmon  
8 populations in Southeast and maybe some coho salmon  
9 populations in some -- from maybe Tanana and Pacific  
10 Northwest. And the investigator admitted that really  
11 after three years of doing this he may or may not have  
12 the model in a form that was actually usable by  
13 management agencies to actually set salmon spawning  
14 escapement goals. Particularly because we don't have  
15 this kind of information for most salmon populations to  
16 test them all.

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18 So the Technical Review Committee had  
19 problems with this one because one, they didn't really  
20 see that it had specific applications to Federal  
21 subsistence fisheries. Two, the information that you  
22 need for the model really wasn't available for some of  
23 the salmon populations of greatest interest. In other  
24 words Yukon chum or chinook where they're really  
25 interested in having something like this, there's no  
26 information to even use this model on it so you'd have to  
27 take years to collect that information. And, you know,  
28 after three years you wouldn't have the information and  
29 you might not have the model so they were a little  
30 worried about committing funds on that sort of an effort.

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32 MR. BALLOT: Question.

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34 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Question's been called  
35 for, any objection to the question. If none, all in  
36 favor of taking no action on 03-039 Alaska salmon  
37 population signify by saying aye.

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39 IN UNISON: Aye.

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41 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Opposed.

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43 (No opposing votes)

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45 CHAIRMAN STONEY: No action taken,  
46 approved.

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48 MR. FRIED: No action.

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50 ATTAMUK: No.

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: No action.

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3 MR. FRIED: I've got one more topic.

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5 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Go ahead.

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7 MR. FRIED: Issues and Information needs.

8 After this little yellow piece of paper on Page 103 there  
9 is a copy of the issues and information needs that were  
10 provided to investigators for the 2003 studies. It goes  
11 from Page 103 to 109 and that's what they use to sort of  
12 get an idea as to what kind of proposals we're interested  
13 in looking at.

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15 So this is an opportunity to revise that  
16 list if there's things that are left out, if there's  
17 things that are in there that are no longer important for  
18 the 2004 call for proposals. If there's a specific topic  
19 the Council would like to focus the call on then we could  
20 do that also if they think that's important.

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22 One thing we did try to do is put  
23 together a strategic planning document. And basically  
24 what it did was take the issues from 2003 and it's in the  
25 handout, too, if you want to go to Page 2 instead of  
26 turning back and forth, and tried to kind of group them  
27 into a little bit different grouping and try to  
28 prioritize the issues within each group and maybe add  
29 some issues that were missing but which appear to be  
30 important because we funded a few studies on those things  
31 but they weren't on the list. So it's sort of just for  
32 consideration and discussion, you know, it's nothing --  
33 it's just you can either stay with your old list, you  
34 know, look at this and maybe if you like this list better  
35 or maybe you like something in between or something  
36 entirely different. So when we had this discussion on  
37 the North Slope, they felt like they would rather stay  
38 with the list they already had and wait a little while  
39 longer before they made those kinds of decisions. But  
40 this will be on a, you know, Council by Council basis.  
41 If there is some issue that we are missing or an issue  
42 that, you know, we're not getting proposals on and you  
43 think we should then we can focus the call better in 2004  
44 if you'd like.

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46 So I don't know how the Council wants to  
47 handle this. I don't know if people have had a chance to  
48 look through their booklets and look at the issues. I  
49 know we just had a discussion about the catch and release  
50 mortality. That is an issue that's been in there. We've



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1 had studies in the past that haven't been funded for one  
2 reason or another. There's going to be quite a bit more  
3 money available for studies in 2004 and this is probably  
4 a good time to make sure that we're, you know, giving the  
5 right signals to investigators so that they actually come  
6 in with proposals that are important things.

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8 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Enoch.

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10 ATTAMUK: Let me ask you this then, to  
11 fund a catch and release in the wild, if we do a study,  
12 how much would -- you got any idea how much it would cost  
13 if we do a whitefish -- on the sheefish, just on the  
14 sheefish? We know they did that study in a confined  
15 area, would it be possible? If you don't think it's  
16 possible just tell me, I won't feel bad about it.

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18 MR. FRIED: Oh, I think you can do a  
19 study. I mean the last time we -- the last proposal we  
20 looked at a year or two ago was a study that used radio-  
21 tagging and I think the price tag was up around \$300,000  
22 or more, but I mean it doesn't mean you can't do the  
23 study for less money or there might not, you know, be  
24 another way to look at it.

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26 ATTAMUK: Are you talking about those  
27 real small satellite they implant on the catfish on time,  
28 they did this study during Maine, in the Mississippi  
29 River where they did the study and within certain time  
30 the majority of them just stayed where they were dropped  
31 instead of put back where they were actually caught but  
32 some did return. Are you talking about the same  
33 satellite, because they're real small, I've seen them and  
34 I've read about them. That they did it and they did it  
35 about six years ago.

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37 MR. FRIED: Okay, you're talking about  
38 tags that actually can transmit.....

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40 ATTAMUK: Satellite.

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42 MR. FRIED: .....information to  
43 satellites and.....

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45 ATTAMUK: Yeah.

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47 MR. FRIED: .....yeah, that's one type of  
48 tag. That's not what they -- they were just going to use  
49 a radio tag that you'd actually track from either an  
50 airplane or a ground station or from a boat, you know,

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1 using an antenna. It wasn't a satellite tag.

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3 ATTAMUK: Wouldn't that be kind of a  
4 heavy tag or whatever for the fish to lug around?

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6 MR. FRIED: It might be. Part of the  
7 problems with tags are the batteries, that's really  
8 what's heavy and that's what's been limiting some of the  
9 technology. But there are some pretty small radio tags  
10 nowadays. Technology keeps changing. I mean all you can  
11 do is have people, the experts come up with a proposal  
12 and then we can evaluate it when they come in.

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14 ATTAMUK: Okay. For under discussion, I  
15 would like to just see what's being done in our area and  
16 just worry about our area right now, the proposals that  
17 are doing the studies for now.

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19 MR. FRIED: Uh-huh.

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21 ATTAMUK: Until we got other -- or talk  
22 about it amongst ourselves in the future, for studies  
23 maybe, what we might need like with the sheefish to be  
24 studied out in the wild, you know. Because I could --  
25 with my computer I could dig up more information on the  
26 studies that's being done outside different areas, not  
27 here, just in Alaska, in the Lower 48, that's how I found  
28 this one here, using real small implants on catfish.

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30 MR. FRIED: I mean there's been a lot of  
31 tagging, radio-tagging studies and ultrasonic type  
32 studies even in Alaska so there's a lot of expertise on  
33 that. But you're right, you know, it's a very popular  
34 tool now days, a lot of information.

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36 ATTAMUK: It doesn't sound like I'm in my  
37 computer all day long, computer's amazing, geez.

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39 MR. BALLOT: Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Percy.

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43 MR. BALLOT: I'd like for us to consider  
44 some studies on like Tom cods or abundance of fish  
45 species out there or something because we've noticed over  
46 the years sometimes that we seen very skinny seals and  
47 stuff like that and I never heard about studies of Tom  
48 cods. I've seen -- I've heard people talk about  
49 sometimes there's scars on Tom cods and stuff like that.  
50 And I'm just wondering if that's something that is

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1 possible for us to consider about doing a study on the  
2 Tom cods or the bottom fish that's out there. Or all --  
3 the kinds of animals, like the fish that -- the birds eat  
4 up there by the islands, there's a lot of dead birds over  
5 the years here and there and I'm kind of thinking there's  
6 a trend of not being enough out there for them or  
7 something's wrong with them. So I think it's something  
8 that I don't know what kind of study but something needs  
9 to be looked at about why some of the animals are dying  
10 of starvation or some of the fish are having certain  
11 stuff on them and stuff like that.

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13 I know we study all kind of other animals  
14 but we never talked about, you know, fish -- talking  
15 about Tom cods or flounders or, you know, snails or  
16 whatever you call them, clam.

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18 ATTAMUK: Raymond, can I answer partly on  
19 that one, Percy. Bering Sea Fishermen's Association did  
20 a study in our Bering Sea out here, abundance. And the  
21 study just on the last phases of this year, right,  
22 Willie, and next year they will have a final report of  
23 what's out there, for our Bering Sea and this is mainly  
24 bottom fish. Okay, and I will answer your migratory bird,  
25 through Maritime Refuge, I'm having our seabirds tested  
26 and why they're trying to die off. Because we did -- I  
27 had one study done on the seagull eggs at Cape Thompson  
28 and I'm expanding into Deering and Semeshore Islands and  
29 it ties in with the seabirds, it's a different category  
30 than migratory birds, migratory is a different species.  
31 Seabirds -- and we're doing through the food chain too.  
32 Because you're right they're are dying by the thousands  
33 out there some of those birds.

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35 Like the other year when they died at  
36 Point Hope when I went, there were miles out there of  
37 seabirds.

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39 MR. BALLOT: So you're saying that study  
40 is.....

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42 ATTAMUK: It's out there.

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44 MR. BALLOT: .....it's not only just for  
45 commercial but it's for.....

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47 ATTAMUK: It's for the public to use and  
48 it's going to find whether -- if there's enough bottom  
49 fish for commercial fishing, too, also because they're  
50 doing that small scale right now. But the study is to

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1 find out what all we have under there and if there are in  
2 abundance, high or not and we'll get that developed  
3 within -- I think we might have it by December, I think,  
4 if everything's right.

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6 MR. BALLOT: Okay.

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8 MR. FRIED: I mean there are some  
9 limitations on what we can fund with this particular  
10 funding program. And it does have to have a tie to a  
11 Federal subsistence fishery so, you know, if we are going  
12 to study Tom cod, you know, it probably needs to be a  
13 fishery in a Federal offshore waters, I mean that would  
14 limit it to probably some place in the National Maritime  
15 National Wildlife Refuge or something that the Federal  
16 government has subsistence jurisdiction over.

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18 MR. BALLOT: Uh-huh.

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20 MR. FRIED: And then there's certain  
21 things that the Federal Subsistence Board has made a  
22 decision that they don't want to fund studies on. One of  
23 them happens to be contaminants. The other one is  
24 fisheries rehabilitation and, you know, enhancement,  
25 hatchery operations and the other one was habitat  
26 enhancement and things like that. So there's certain  
27 areas we don't fund. We can help you, you know, find  
28 other programs that will fund studies like that.

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30 MR. BALLOT: I do.

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32 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Percy.

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34 MR. BALLOT: We have fisheries, you know,  
35 that they go up our mining areas and we're wondering how  
36 does that effect our fish, Buckland and Deering and then  
37 there's Candle River where there's mining activities  
38 going on. And people over the years have concerns about  
39 why is the water changing. We have two forks, our river  
40 changes color all the way up to the mining area versus  
41 the other side of the fork, which is the north fork which  
42 has clear blue water. So we're kind of wondering what's  
43 the difference or how are those mining studies effecting  
44 the fish. The fish that we have in our areas.

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46 MR. FRIED: No, those are very good  
47 questions. We can't address them with this program but  
48 there are other -- I mean Fish and Wildlife Service  
49 Ecological Services, I think, has -- may be someone to  
50 address that, there's some State agencies that will look

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1 at that. So yeah, it's not that it's not important, it's  
2 just that there's so much money that we have for this  
3 program and the Board wants it directed towards Federal  
4 subsistence fisheries management.

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6           Anyway, I guess what I'd like to hear  
7 from the Board is whether or not they even want to  
8 address issues and information needs or they're happy  
9 with the list they have, you know, that's fine, we can  
10 use that for the 2004 call. Is there a certain issue,  
11 you know, that you'd like highlighted for the call or do  
12 we just send out the whole list and everything, you know,  
13 no prioritize, they're all just as important. And then  
14 how the Board wants to view that.

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16           And issues and information needs can be  
17 addressed any time, they can be changed any time. The  
18 Board makes a decision, they can call me in Anchorage and  
19 I can fix the list, it doesn't have to be done today,  
20 it's just that this would be a good time when everybody's  
21 together.

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23           ATTAMUK: Enoch, here. I think we should  
24 just leave the list that's been there now. Just for our  
25 -- I'm talking about my unit, 23, what's out there,  
26 what's out on proposal to do the whitefish study, you  
27 know, just leave it as is right now.

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29           MR. FRIED: That's fine.

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31           ATTAMUK: To go further, that's what I  
32 think. We should -- we're not really prepared or  
33 anything to say what kind of fish we should be studying  
34 right now. We can't just come out in the blue right now,  
35 we need to talk about it further if we think we have any  
36 concerns.

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38           Also in the future, we need to know about  
39 what's our limits, what we could do here, at the RAC  
40 Board. Because I think what's happening now is like me  
41 and Percy, we're expanding for other -- I'm different  
42 boards and different things and I might be losing it  
43 here, I know the contaminants have nothing to do with you  
44 guys here on the fishing. I think what we need to do is  
45 we need to say, this is what you guys could do and  
46 refresh us on our next meeting. Be nice. Because I  
47 think we're just wasting our time here talking about the  
48 things we can't talk about or can't have done.

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50           Okay, with you Tom.

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1 MR. BOYD: Fine with that. Generally  
2 what we're focused on are information gathering that can  
3 help us make management decisions about harvests and how  
4 to allocate those harvests, how to regulate the harvests  
5 of fisheries, that's where we're focused on.

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7 MR. BALLOT: Mr. Chairman.

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9 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Percy.

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11 MR. BALLOT: I wasn't just really telling  
12 them about contaminants, I was mentioning that what kind  
13 of fish out there, what kind of population do we have?  
14 Isn't that what you were asking about? I might have  
15 mentioned the mines, but we need to know what those are  
16 up there, too, you know, and that's what you do. I did  
17 not say -- I mentioned the mines up there but we -- you  
18 know, over the years there's got to be some studies done,  
19 we hardly have any studies done in our area, the  
20 Buckland, Deering area. And that's where I'm coming from  
21 Mr. Chairman.

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23 MR. FRIED: Yeah. Yeah, part of the  
24 difficulty with Buckland and Deering is the fact that  
25 they're not, for the most part they're not very close to  
26 a lot of Federal lands.

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28 MR. BALLOT: But we do have Federal lands  
29 and they're up there.

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31 MR. FRIED: That's why we're real  
32 interested, too, in learning more about the harvest  
33 pattern so we know where people harvest so we can figure  
34 out if they're on Federal lands or not. But I think  
35 that's part of the problem, is there hasn't been any  
36 proposals that have come in on that for one, even though  
37 it's been in the issues. And part of that might be a  
38 connection because the Federal land connection. And you  
39 know, Deering is near the Bering Land Bridge National  
40 Preserve and so there might be some drainages that flow  
41 out of there. Buckland is, you know, Selawik National  
42 Wildlife Refuge is kind of to the north. And I'm not  
43 sure if this is.....

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45 MR. BOYD: That's BLM.

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47 MR. FRIED: .....that's BLM lands, so  
48 it's just non-navigable waters within BLM so that's the  
49 problem. I mean and it's been a problem really for  
50 Seward Penn is the lack of Federal lands. There's not a

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1 lot of Federal management opportunities for subsistence  
2 fisheries. That's probably the same problem with Deering  
3 and Buckland.

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5           You know, there's nothing -- you know if  
6 you wanted to get together with people and make sure  
7 those proposals were put in, you know, with either  
8 somebody from an agency or a local organization that  
9 would help, too.

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11           MR. RAMOTH: Mr. Chair.

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13           CHAIRMAN STONEY: Clyde.

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15           MR. RAMOTH: Good afternoon. I'll be  
16 brief here. I got a couple of concerns. Since you still  
17 don't have a rep from Selawik, on Page 107 on the  
18 distribution abundance and life histories of fish species  
19 -- oh, first of all, Clyde Ramoth, RIT for the Selawik  
20 Refuge for the record.

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22           You know our whitefish, we all share it  
23 within our areas and we got all our concerns. For  
24 Selawik area we depend on our whitefish a lot along with  
25 caribou and our other natural resources, but we could add  
26 on for the Selawik area on whitefish rearing and  
27 spawning. And another quick one on the water quality and  
28 fish contamination, you know that's always an issue for  
29 our area and I heard Percy talk about the beaver concerns  
30 and their effects on our water quality. We did start a  
31 water quality program through our tribal government and  
32 that's something we're really going to look into and, you  
33 know, there's concerns about our open dump site and our  
34 sewage lagoon, how it effects our fish and the beavers  
35 blocking the ponds and lakes and creeks and you know, we  
36 love to share our fish and we love to eat our fish. And  
37 if I could recommend adding those to those two areas,  
38 that's all I got on whitefish.

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40           Thank you.

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42           CHAIRMAN STONEY: Thank you, Clyde. Get  
43 that Steve.

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45           MR. FRIED: Yes. So you want to actually  
46 add on to the list.

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48           MR. BALLOT: Yes.

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50           MR. FRIED: So I'm looking at Page 107

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1 and trying to figure out where to add it specifically.

2 So do you want to run that by me once more.

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4 ATTAMUK: I think what he was referring  
5 to, that maybe we should add it to the whitefish study  
6 that's already being in progress by Susan.

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8 MR. FRIED: Oh, the actual whitefish  
9 study that's already been done.

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11 ATTAMUK: See what he was asking about,  
12 the spawning and the migration of whitefish.

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14 MR. FRIED: Uh-huh.

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16 ATTAMUK: That's what he was asking.  
17 Because it's not in there. It's mainly TEK, what Susan  
18 is taking.

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20 MR. FRIED: Right. So are you looking  
21 for a new proposal for a new study?

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23 ATTAMUK: You want it more -- Clyde.

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25 MR. FRIED: Or do you want it as an issue  
26 so that we can.....

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28 ATTAMUK: Proposal for spawning and  
29 migration route of your whitefish, at Selawik drainage?

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31 MR. RAMOTH: Yes.

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33 MR. FRIED: Are you looking for a new  
34 issue or to expand an issue? So for 2004, is that what  
35 you're.....

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37 MR. RAMOTH: Yeah, it could be a new  
38 issue or expanding, for clarification.

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40 MR. FRIED: I was just wondering which  
41 one that was.

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43 (Pause)

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45 MR. RAMOTH: On distribution, abundance  
46 and life history of fish species.

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48 MR. FRIED: Right. Right. So it would  
49 be for Selawik whitefish.

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1 MR. RAMOTH: Life history of whitefish  
2 Selawik area, yeah -- Selawik drainage, I should say.

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4 MR. FRIED: Okay. I got that now, thank  
5 you. Anything else or are we done with issues and  
6 information?

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8 CHAIRMAN STONEY: That's it.

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10 MR. FRIED: That's it. I just wanted to  
11 make sure, you know, we're heading in the right direction  
12 for 2004.

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14 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Break or continue on?

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16 ATTAMUK: Continue.

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18 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, thank you, Steve.

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20 MR. FRIED: You're welcome.

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22 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, we're done with  
23 the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program, let's go down  
24 to No. 12, annual report. I know Helen had a prepared  
25 report to give and let's see, Tom, you got the annual  
26 report?

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28 MR. BOYD: Yeah, if you'll just turn to  
29 Tab I, I can point to you that on the first part of that  
30 is the letter that the Council submitted to the Board  
31 regarding issues that they wanted to bring before the  
32 Board in their annual report. The primary issue is on  
33 Page 118 starting at the top there and it's just to  
34 remind you that you had the concerns of user conflicts,  
35 the same issues that you were kind of talking about  
36 earlier today with regard to transporters bringing sport  
37 hunters into traditional hunt areas and the various areas  
38 and this being a continuing concern and then the various  
39 areas being the Selawik Refuge, the Noatak, Squirrel, Tag  
40 and Upper Kobuk rivers.

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42 And the response from the Board starts on  
43 Page 119 and finishes on 120. I won't read this to you  
44 but the Board essentially acknowledged your concern, I  
45 think took a stab at acknowledging what the various  
46 agencies are doing to address these concerns. And I  
47 think pointed to what the State may or may not be doing.  
48 The Selawik Refuge, how they are addressing user  
49 conflicts on the Refuge and the BLM in terms of the  
50 Northwest Management Plan and what the status of that is

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1 and how that plan may address those concerns with regard  
2 to additional pressure on the river and resources.

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4 I won't read it to you but essentially  
5 that covers the Board's response. I'm not sure if you  
6 have any questions that I can answer or that maybe some  
7 of the representatives from the agencies can answer on  
8 those issues.

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10 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Any questions on the  
11 annual report that was submitted from the RAC and the  
12 response from the Board. Is that it Tom?

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14 MR. BOYD: That's all I have on that  
15 issue, yes.

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17 CHAIRMAN STONEY: The other one's going  
18 to be long, you want to take a break Percy?

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20 MR. BALLOT: Okay.

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22 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Let's take a 15 minute  
23 break before we get to the next, agencies reports,  
24 they'll take a little more time and from that we'll  
25 finish. Be back at 3:15. Break time.

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27 (Off record)

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29 (On record)

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31 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, I'll call the  
32 meeting back to order. We're down on Item 13, agency  
33 reports. The Office of Subsistence Management. I  
34 believe it's Tom, right?

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36 MR. BOYD: Yes, sir.

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38 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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40 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair, I'm going to brief  
41 you on an issue that's been ongoing for several months.  
42 You were briefed in the last meeting that you had. It's  
43 concerning a recent review that the Board and Staff took,  
44 we refer to it as a review of our compliance with the  
45 Federal Advisory Committee Act which is the law that  
46 guides the operation of the Regional Advisory Councils  
47 and you, in particular and some of the outcomes of that  
48 review. So I'm going to bring you up to date on them  
49 right now.

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1 Earlier this year you received a copy of  
2 a letter from the Department of the Interior, Deputy  
3 Secretary Steven Griles. As soon as he sent that letter  
4 to us, I wanted to make sure all of the members of the  
5 Councils received that letter. Also there was a letter  
6 that was written -- signed by Chairman Demientieff, Mitch  
7 Demientieff of the Federal Subsistence Board talking  
8 about that letter to you. The letter I'm referring to,  
9 we talked about it as the Griles' letter so you may hear  
10 me referring to it as the Griles' letter. But in that  
11 letter he spoke to departmental concerns about membership  
12 balance on the Regional Councils. And it referred to the  
13 requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act which  
14 we call FACA. And FACA requires the membership of an  
15 advisory committee, any Federal advisory committee which  
16 your Council is considered a Federal Advisory Committee  
17 to be fairly balanced in terms of points of view  
18 represented and the functions to be performed by the  
19 advisory committee.

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21 In other words, if the activities or the  
22 actions of a committee, or in this case the  
23 recommendations that you make have an impact on other  
24 interests, in this case such as sport hunting or  
25 recreational hunting or commercial fishing, if they have  
26 some effect on those interests, then the membership of  
27 the committee should be balanced in terms of all of those  
28 interests, that's what the law is telling us. So the  
29 Department, in this case, Deputy Secretary Griles, asked  
30 the Federal Board to review the procedures it used to  
31 select members for Councils. We did that and in  
32 completing that review, the Board proposed some changes  
33 in Council composition to the Secretary and just  
34 yesterday we received a letter from Deputy Secretary  
35 Griles that said that he approved the changes that the  
36 Board made and to go implement them.

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38 And now I'm going to really talk in  
39 general about the changes that are being proposed or that  
40 now will be implemented by the Board. One thing we'll be  
41 doing is increasing the membership on most of the  
42 Councils. And for the Yukon/Kuskokwim Delta and  
43 Southcentral Councils, they'll increase their membership  
44 from 11 and seven to 13 each on those Councils. The  
45 Southeast Council will remain at 13, it's currently 13.  
46 And the remaining Councils will increase their membership  
47 to 10 so your Council will increase from seven to 10  
48 members.

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50 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Seven.

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1 MR. BOYD: You're currently at seven, I  
2 think; is that right?

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4 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yes.  
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6 MR. BOYD: And you'll increase to 10.  
7 The change in Council composition. The Council's will  
8 have designated seats, 70 percent or seven of the 10 will  
9 be representatives of the subsistence interests and the  
10 other 30 percent or three members will represent  
11 recreational, sport and commercial interests. So you'll  
12 have 10 members, seven of which will represent  
13 subsistence interests and three which will represent  
14 those other interests. All Council members will continue  
15 to be residents of the region here, including the three  
16 that will be of other interests. And I note that's  
17 required by Title VIII of ANILCA, all members of the  
18 Council must be residents of that region. And our  
19 regulations require that all members be knowledgeable  
20 about subsistence uses of fish and wildlife within the  
21 region and in your case, they'll all be rural residents,  
22 of course, because there are no non-rural residents in  
23 your region.

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25 Some Councils have alternates, I don't  
26 believe that's the case with this Council, and alternates  
27 will be allowed to complete their terms but after that  
28 alternates will be discontinued in future years.

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30 There will be some changes made in the  
31 way we screen applicants, some of the criteria that we  
32 use to screen applicants, obviously to accommodate those  
33 other uses, we needed to create some criteria that would  
34 help us screen those folks. And we will also be asking  
35 you, when you reapply or when people apply for seats on  
36 the Council to designate what interests they represent,  
37 whether it be subsistence, recreational or commercial.

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39 These changes will be phased in over the  
40 next three years, starting in the application process for  
41 the year 2003. So by 2006, we will have full  
42 implementation. We will achieve the composition, the  
43 break down that I talked about earlier, this 30 percent,  
44 70 percent by 2006.

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46 That's it in as briefly as I can make it.  
47 Those will be changes that have been decided by the Board  
48 and the Secretary's office and we will start that process  
49 for the application process next year.

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1 Do you have any questions?

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3 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Tom, I got one  
4 question. You know, about this advisory committee now,  
5 as you know we got two vacancies right now and of course,  
6 in appointing the new RAC committees, you know, I know  
7 the time limit is getting close some time, when will  
8 these two vacant seats be filled?

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10 MR. BOYD: Good question. We are in the  
11 process of doing that now. And they will be filled by  
12 the next meeting.

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14 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Next meeting.

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16 MR. BOYD: In February and March.

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18 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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20 MR. BOYD: So our intent is to have those  
21 identified, hopefully, sometime this winter, say, by  
22 January.

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24 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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26 MR. BOYD: The question mark is how fast  
27 we can get the package approved in Washington, D.C., by  
28 the Secretary of the Interior and that's always been sort  
29 of a difficult problem for us. But in the last -- the  
30 last time we did this we got a lot of help from the  
31 Secretary's special assistant for Alaska, Drew Pearce,  
32 who's back there and Cam Toohey, and so they've asked us  
33 to make sure that we know when the package goes back  
34 because they will be a shepherd and make sure it gets  
35 through the process very quickly. As a matter of fact  
36 when Drew found out it was late the last time, she took --  
37 they actually lost the package in Washington and we had  
38 to remake it and send it back and within a week she had  
39 it approved. So she's taken a personal interest in this  
40 and hopefully will be handled expeditiously when we get  
41 it back there.

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43 So it's a long way of saying, hopefully  
44 these two seats will be filled by the next meeting.

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46 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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48 MR. BOYD: And I also should add that the  
49 process that I just described does not effect the  
50 selection of these two vacancies. It will start the next

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1 time we advertise for nominations.

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3 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Any questions for Tom.

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5 MR. BALLOT: Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Percy.

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9 MR. BALLOT: It's kind of pretty obvious  
10 already but I just want clarity on that and what will  
11 constitute a quorum then will be seven?

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13 MR. BOYD: It would be a majority which  
14 for 10 members it would be six.

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16 MR. BALLOT: Six.

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18 CHAIRMAN STONEY: These additional three,  
19 will they have voting powers also?

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21 MR. BOYD: Yes.

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23 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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25 MR. BOYD: They will be full-fledged  
26 members of your Council.

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28 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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30 MR. BALLOT: Just a point I might make, I  
31 see we might have a future deadlock if we do have some  
32 important issues that come up on that in regards to  
33 commercial interests versus subsistence interests, I see  
34 a deadlock already on three and three and I think what  
35 might be more appropriate is that seven be a quorum,  
36 constitute a quorum or is it just a mandate that it's the  
37 majority that is going to be a quorum?

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39 MR. BOYD: I'm just responding to what I  
40 understand about Robert's Rules of Order which is what we  
41 specify in the charters is what we're following, it's a  
42 simple majority of the active membership.

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44 MR. BALLOT: Okay.

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46 MR. BOYD: And I'm not sure if that can  
47 be changed or not, Mr. Ballot, it's a question we can  
48 ask, I'll make a note of that.

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50 MR. BALLOT: I'm just pointing out, like

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1 I said, if something should come up and there's six,  
2 three of them are people like sportshunters or commercial  
3 interest groups, they'll have money and they'll always  
4 have the time to get here but a lot of times when we come  
5 here, it's hard for us because we have to do our  
6 subsistence or we have, you know, things that we need to  
7 do.

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9 MR. BOYD: Uh-huh.

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11 MR. BALLOT: And I just see something  
12 that might happen because these guys will always have the  
13 time to be here, other ways and means.

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15 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Anything else, Tom?

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17 MR. BOYD: Well, that concludes my  
18 briefing unless there's other questions.

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20 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. What about that  
21 number 2, statewide rural determination.

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23 MR. BOYD: Again, this is informational.

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25 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Informational.

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27 MR. BOYD: And I would refer you to Tab  
28 K, there's a fact sheet in there about rural  
29 determinations and I won't read this to you, I'll just  
30 kind of give you a quick overview.

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32 CHAIRMAN STONEY: All right.

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34 MR. BOYD: So no decision or  
35 recommendation is necessary from the Council. I just  
36 wanted to bring you up to date on where we are with the  
37 rural determination issue. Title VIII requires,  
38 obviously a priority for rural residents of Alaska and  
39 that then requires that we determine what areas or  
40 communities are rural. And when we began the Federal  
41 Subsistence Management Program in 1990 the Board made  
42 initial rural determinations essentially what we're  
43 living by today.

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45 The regulations that we developed during  
46 that period require that we review these determinations  
47 every 10 years after the U.S. Census is done. In recent  
48 years I think as we struggled with the request to review  
49 the rural determinations on the Kenai Peninsula, I think  
50 we recognized that there were some concerns raised about

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1 the methods that we were using to make rural  
2 determinations, the way we approached it. And we wanted  
3 to have a better way to do it, a more, I think,  
4 acceptable and scientifically defensible way to approach  
5 this question. So the Board agreed that we should  
6 contract to the experts to develop -- to have a look at  
7 our current methodology and develop a better methodology  
8 if that could be done.

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10 We contracted with the University of  
11 Alaska-Anchorage, the part of the university which was  
12 the Institute of Social and Economic Research, ISER, and  
13 they were to develop scientific methods to help us make  
14 these rural determinations at the 10 year juncture here.  
15 So we're at that point where ISER has done most of their  
16 work. Some of you may have been involved in focus groups  
17 that occurred. I don't know if you were or not. They  
18 visited eight areas of the state and held focus groups to  
19 ask people what they want and what would be widely  
20 accepted in terms of how you might go about, you know,  
21 making a determination that this community is rural or  
22 this community is not rural. They've also done some  
23 statistical assessments of the existing rural  
24 determinations to kind of look at what measures would  
25 best characterize what is rural and what is not rural.  
26 And anyway, they're working on their final report now and  
27 it's scheduled to be to us in November of this year.

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29 The next steps are in January when the  
30 Board meets on the 14th, the Board will decide which of  
31 the -- they're providing possible more than one  
32 methodology but which of the proposed methodology or  
33 methods for making rural determinations they want to go  
34 forward with for additional Council and public review.  
35 So once they make that decision in the February and March  
36 meetings next year, we will be bringing those to you and  
37 explaining them to you, what they are, and getting your  
38 comments on those.

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40 And then hopefully by May of next year,  
41 the Board will decide on what method to use and then  
42 starting in June, going through 2004, we will implement  
43 that in reviewing the communities around the state to  
44 determine which ones are rural.

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46 So that's kind of where we're at with  
47 this process and we just wanted to bring you up to date  
48 on that. So you'll be hearing more about that next time.

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50 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Any questions for Tom.



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1 It's just an informational item. No questions then thank  
2 you, Tom.

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4 ATTAMUK: It's more like a joke.

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6 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Oh.

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8 ATTAMUK: They called me up and asked me  
9 how could I describe non-rural and rural, it's more a  
10 joke so don't take it personally. I described one has  
11 beer the other one don't. That's the way I said.

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13 (Laughter)

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15 ATTAMUK: When they called me and asked  
16 me. That's all I told them, the best way to define it.

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18 (Laughter)

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20 MR. BOYD: Do you think that would be  
21 legally defensible, I was just wondering.

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23 (Laughter)

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25 MR. BOYD: We were looking on a map one  
26 time at McDonald's restaurant and we decided the ones  
27 that had the Golden Arches on the map were the non-rural  
28 ones.

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30 (Laughter)

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32 ATTAMUK: I would like to see what they  
33 come up with. What did you hear so far?

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35 MR. BOYD: Well, we reviewed some of the  
36 earlier drafts and they haven't made any determinations.  
37 I mean they're looking at how to do it not what they  
38 should be. But, you know, for this region I don't expect  
39 there will be any changes whatsoever. And it's hard for  
40 me to say that there might be in other regions either,  
41 but the criteria really makes sense and they look at  
42 population density measures. You know, because that  
43 really is people per unit of area that's -- you know,  
44 take a look at, those are generally accepted measures of  
45 what constitutes a rural area.

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47 The other thing that they're looking at  
48 that correlates extremely well with that is -- I wish I  
49 could remember the term they used but it's the -- it's  
50 called rural food production, whether it's an

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1 agricultural area or an area like this where people use a  
2 lot of resources off the land. And that seems to  
3 correlate real well with the idea of rural. So those are  
4 two of the primary measures that they seem to be focusing  
5 on.

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7 And probably we can then gather the data  
8 that help us look at those two variables to see how well  
9 they fit with Alaskan situations.

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11 ATTAMUK: Okay, I hear what you're  
12 saying, thanks.

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14 MR. BOYD: Yeah.

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16 ATTAMUK: Also when we do our surveys for  
17 either caribou, migratory bird or a fish spec, you'll  
18 understand that they take more subsistence here in  
19 Kotzebue than in the villages. Even with caribou,  
20 migratory bird and fish, even it's a bigger town, we rely  
21 here in Kotzebue a lot more on subsistence. I couldn't  
22 believe it. I'm the one that did the surveys, on the  
23 final.

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25 MR. BOYD: Uh-huh.

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27 ATTAMUK: You know, so we have it hard  
28 here in Kotzebue.

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30 MR. BOYD: Okay.

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32 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Is that it, Tom?

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34 MR. BOYD: That's all I have.

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36 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Do you want to go to  
37 number 3, Partners Fishing Monitoring and I believe it's  
38 Steve, correct?

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40 MR. FRIED: I guess so, my name is there.

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42 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Steve.

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44 MR. FRIED: The Partners for

45 Fisheries.....

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47 CHAIRMAN STONEY: That's on Tab L.

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49 MR. FRIED: Right.

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, Steve, this is  
2 informational?

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4 MR. FRIED: Just informational.  
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6 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.  
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8 MR. FRIED: The Partners for Fisheries  
9 Monitoring Program just started in 2002 so it's a new  
10 program. And the purpose is to help local and tribal  
11 organizations hire full-time, year-round professional  
12 fisheries biologists and social scientists that will help  
13 rural and Alaska Native organizations collect and share  
14 information about subsistence fisheries, harvests and the  
15 fish populations. And the positions will work to help  
16 ensure the success of the Fisheries Monitoring Program by  
17 doing various things by helping to plan and conduct  
18 studies, provide technical support and identify issues  
19 and also conducting community outreach and training and  
20 education.

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22 Right now in 2002 there was about  
23 \$900,000 that's being spent for partners and this will  
24 fund actually 7.3 positions, six of those are fisheries  
25 biologists and there's 1.3 social scientists and none of  
26 these positions happen to be in this area. The positions  
27 are actually housed within six different organizations,  
28 Association of Village Council Presidents, Bristol Bay  
29 Native Association, Council of Athabaskan Tribal  
30 Governments, Kuskokwim Native Association, Native Village  
31 of Eyak and the Tanana Chiefs Conference. So it's  
32 basically Prince William Sound, Bristol Bay and the  
33 Yukon-Kuskokwim who got the positions this time around.  
34 Generally the agreements are written for a five year term  
35 and whether or not they last all five years depends on  
36 the availability of funds and just annual reviews of just  
37 how well those positions were performing. It also  
38 includes student interns.

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40 All the cooperative agreements are in  
41 place but not all the positions have been hired at this  
42 point. And what else can I say about it, we're pretty  
43 excited about this program. We think it's going to be a  
44 good program. And initially I think there were plans to  
45 hire 10 positions overall and I think at this point the  
46 Board wants to take a look at how the program's working  
47 for a year before they make a decision on additional  
48 positions to be filled in the future.

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50 So that's all I've got to say about it

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1 unless there's any questions.

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3 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Any questions from the  
4 Council for Steve?

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6 MS. GEORGETTE: Mr. Chairman.

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8 CHAIRMAN STONEY: About from the public  
9 then. Susan, would you get to the microphone.

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11 MS. GEORGETTE: Susan Georgette. I was  
12 surprised to see there were no positions in the Arctic at  
13 all, I mean for Norton Sound, Kotzebue Sound or the North  
14 Slope and I was wondering why that was?

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16 MR. FRIED: You know, that's a good  
17 question. I don't think that there any proposals that  
18 came in from the North Slope or from Norton Sound. There  
19 might have been one that came in from this area because  
20 somebody from, I forget who it was, contacted me at one  
21 of these Council meetings and asked me about the  
22 deadlines and what to do. But I wasn't really involved  
23 in the review process.

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25 MS. GEORGETTE: Oh.

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27 MR. FRIED: So I'm not sure if that one  
28 actually came in or not or how it fared.

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30 MS. GEORGETTE: Well, I thought there was  
31 one from Kotzebue, I'm pretty sure there was one and it  
32 obviously wasn't funded.

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34 MR. FRIED: Uh-huh.

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36 MS. GEORGETTE: And it just seemed like a  
37 big hole in the program. And I guess I was kind of  
38 looking forward to thinking that there might be a  
39 resource like that in one of our regions and I was just  
40 curious what happened to that.

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42 MR. FRIED: Yeah, there was a review  
43 committee and that's where the decision came out of.

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45 ATTAMUK: Yeah, Enoch here. Susan  
46 brought up a good point right here, there was none for  
47 our area. Is it possible to find out by next meeting why  
48 there wasn't one because we like seeing biologists in our  
49 area under fisheries, you know, because not only the fish  
50 involves commercial fishing, you know our subsistence

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1 lifestyle falls right to the fish here that's being  
2 harvested by commercial fishing and the subsistence.

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4 MR. BOYD: I'm not sure how much we can  
5 disclose, given that this was a competitive process.  
6 We're bound by contracting rules about disclosing who  
7 submitted proposals and who was selected and why and why  
8 not but I can check into it. Because I don't want to --  
9 I mean I'll tell you what I can tell you.

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11 ATTAMUK: Uh-huh.

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13 MR. BOYD: I don't have a problem doing  
14 that. Our thinking is that there will be another round  
15 of calls for proposals. Obviously that's dependent upon  
16 budgets and things like that but I'm looking, you know,  
17 proactively trying to expand this program as we go and to  
18 create, you know, some additional positions if we can.  
19 So we're not closing the door on this. And it may be,  
20 and I don't remember the details either, it may be --  
21 what applications that were not selected did not meet the  
22 criteria that we were looking for and it's really the  
23 quality of the application and, you know, we're holding  
24 this up to some fairly high standards because we want  
25 this to succeed. If those proposals didn't address the  
26 right aspects of what we're looking for then chances are  
27 they weren't going to succeed in being selected.

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29 And I'm not sure that's the case here.  
30 I'm not even sure that there was even an application from  
31 this region. But we're definitely looking forward to an  
32 additional round to this if we can afford to do that.  
33 But I'll see what I can tell you.

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35 ATTAMUK: Yeah.

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37 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Any more questions for  
38 Steve. Thank you, Steve.

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40 MR. FRIED: I guess not, you're welcome.

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42 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Selawik Wildlife  
43 Refuge. You guys are running a good team here.

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45 MS. AYRES: We got a good team, yeah,  
46 it's not a big team but it's a good team. My name is  
47 LeeAnn Ayres, Selawik Refuge. And I'd like to take just  
48 a minute of the Council's time to go over what was  
49 happening in the Refuge as far as transporters and our  
50 special permit process.

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1           This year the new Refuge manager, Gene  
2 Peltola used his discretion as Refuge manager to put some  
3 restrictions in the special use permits. The Refuge  
4 manager is allowed to do this, they're only able to stay  
5 in effect one year so they're kind of viewed as temporary  
6 restrictions. And those restrictions were to close all  
7 the selected lands to permittees and this is guides and  
8 transporters that are permitted, not everybody or any  
9 non-local hunter, just those transporters and guides that  
10 are permitted through the Refuge. And selected lands  
11 were closed as well as 72 miles along the Selawik River  
12 that were from the second island above the village up to  
13 the Kugarock River and Selawik Confluence.

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15           We currently have six transporters that  
16 were permitted for this year and one guide. And that's a  
17 decrease of three transporters from the previous year.  
18 There's a special agent, Mike Wade and Gene Peltola who's  
19 a commissioned Refuge officer who spent about the last  
20 two weeks patrolling the Refuge and contacting people.  
21 Their overall impression were that there was about the  
22 same number of hunters in the Selawik as there was the  
23 previous years. As far as actual numbers that we usually  
24 provide, we'll have to do those at our spring meeting  
25 after everybody turns in their reports.

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27           The plan right now is -- actually the  
28 compliance with the restrictions was very good. A lot of  
29 that area had not previously been used by the  
30 transporters that have been working in that area with the  
31 exception of one year when there was a problem and that's  
32 kind of -- this was one of the things that was done to  
33 address that. The plan is to hire Jimmy Fox's position  
34 sometime this winter, he's transferred to Fairbanks and  
35 start working on the compatibility determination that's  
36 needed in order to make these or similar restrictions  
37 permanent. These specific ones can't remain permanent  
38 until there's a public comment period and process that's  
39 gone through. So anyway, we hope to do that this winter  
40 and have the stipulations on the special use permits  
41 finalized by next fall.

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44           And I think I'll let -- are there any  
45 questions about that from anybody on the Council?

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47           CHAIRMAN STONEY: You said you had the  
48 same amount of hunters this year at the Refuge, what are  
49 the numbers?

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1 MS. AYRES: Well, I'm not sure. This was  
2 just their impression from flying and looking at the  
3 numbers of camps and where people were.

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5 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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7 MS. AYRES: So, yeah, just kind of a  
8 general impression just passing on, yeah.

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10 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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12 MR. RAMOTH: Good afternoon. Clyde  
13 Ramoth, Selawik Refuge. I think I'll stick to that issue  
14 real briefly and I don't know if you still call it user  
15 conflicts but we still are concerned from the village  
16 level at Selawik and I know we'll be addressing those  
17 soon. I could be wearing two hats today as far as a  
18 tribal council member and a Refuge info tech for the  
19 Refuge.

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21 Through our tribal realty department  
22 recently we just started the trespassing program and  
23 we'll be looking forward to working with Raymond from  
24 NANA and others as far as, I think getting our folks  
25 involved and monitoring our rivers and air and certainly  
26 that's always a concern for, it seems like forever.

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28 And one good thing about -- I just want  
29 to have an open question, do we know if each village has  
30 a license, a hunting and fishing license vendor? If not,  
31 I think that's very beneficial. I do it there at  
32 Selawik, before we had other folks who did it but it's  
33 very good when you get to know the hunters and the users  
34 out there, you know, it's educational and it's -- you  
35 know, you could talk to the hunters more openly about  
36 regulations and harvest monitoring. And we still do got  
37 our traditional hunters, I can't say what age group, it's  
38 more like our mid-age, younger guys that are hesitant on  
39 getting their hunting license, they say, you know,  
40 they're Inupiat and they have their right to hunt and  
41 stuff. But when we tell them, you know, like it's good  
42 to monitor our big game and stuff so that's always  
43 something I -- I wanted to just bring out briefly.

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45 Environmental concerns, our folks up  
46 there, you know, there's always concern about the beaver  
47 contamination and global warming, you know, changes  
48 within our -- what's the word now, you know, with the  
49 caribou and moose migration routes, that's always a big  
50 issue, I think, statewide, if I may say.

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1           These kind of things we address at the  
2 tribal level and sometime at the local community  
3 meetings.

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5           Real quick, I think we'll be heading to  
6 -- we'll start wit Noorvik and Kiana soon on steelshot  
7 clinics. We had one in Selawik put on July 31 and August  
8 1 with help from a couple folks from the Interior from  
9 Huslia. But we got a team along with Lynn Johnson,  
10 myself. I just recently got certified as an instructor  
11 for hunter safety, education programs. So those are good  
12 stuff that we want to teach our younger hunters,  
13 especially with the steelshot and, you know, the  
14 importance of using that with our waterfowl.

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16           And of course, there's always the  
17 whitefish study that -- and thanks for Susan for  
18 definitely being up there in Selawik and I know she's  
19 looking forward to the other villages but I think that's  
20 very important we keep that -- our folks are always  
21 concerned and they're getting more interested about how  
22 our whitefish are doing.

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24           Other than the migratory bird survey,  
25 Maniilaq contract, Enoch Shiedt will be heading that and  
26 I'll be assisting him. That's something we're looking  
27 forward to as far as monitoring and observing our fish  
28 and game.

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30           Other than that, thank you and I got a  
31 flight at 4:15, I've got a couple of meetings in the  
32 morning.

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34           CHAIRMAN STONEY: Any questions from the  
35 Council to the Wildlife Refuge. If not, any questions  
36 from the public for the Wildlife Refuge. If none, thank  
37 you very much.

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39           MS. AYRES: Thank you.

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41           MR. RAMOTH: Thank you.

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43           CHAIRMAN STONEY: National Park Service.  
44 National Park.

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46           MR. ADKISSON: Mr. Chair, Board members,  
47 Ken Adkisson National Park Service and Willie Goodwin  
48 with me. We'll make this, I think, rather brief.

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50           The only thing I've really got for you at



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1 this time is an informational note on the Seward  
2 Peninsula muskoxen hunt for this year and all of the  
3 basic information is included in the material I passed  
4 out so I won't go into it in any depth. But let me say a  
5 couple three points about it.

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7 First of all, all of the regulatory  
8 changes that you folks supported were adopted,  
9 essentially by the State Board of Game and the Federal  
10 Subsistence Board, largely as recommended. So those  
11 changes now are in place and in effect for the current  
12 hunt. Keep in mind that it's a jointly managed State  
13 Tier II hunt and Federal subsistence hunt. The permit  
14 distribution process is what we'll focus on and basically  
15 it went pretty well overall this year. In fact, the  
16 material I passed out to you on the last page there's an  
17 actual breakdown by village and by State and Federal  
18 management regime. The only real problem I would say  
19 from a Federal subsistence users point of view that  
20 occurred was in your area, in the 23 southwest hunt area,  
21 and essentially what happened there of the nine State  
22 Tier II permits available, roughly half of those wound up  
23 in Kotzebue and not Buckland and Deering. In fact of the  
24 State Tier II permits, only three of the total nine wound  
25 up in Buckland and Deering.

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27 There are a number of people that  
28 expressed a great deal of concern about this. I've  
29 looked into the matter and what I came up with has been  
30 summarized in the first couple pages of the material I  
31 provided to you. Basically in a nutshell it's this, the  
32 State Tier II hunt does work, it is working elsewhere on  
33 the Peninsula by and large. Why it doesn't seem to be  
34 working in Buckland and Deering comes down to one  
35 unfortunate fact, that is, it doesn't seem like people  
36 are applying for it. So they're not participating in the  
37 State hunt.

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39 I don't know whether they're actually not  
40 getting permits or whether they're not completing them in  
41 and mailing them in or whatever but they're just not  
42 participating. And unfortunately there's not a really  
43 good Federal fix for that because if you look at the map  
44 of the distribution of the animals and the information I  
45 provided in the summary and on the tables, it shows, for  
46 example, for three years of census material the  
47 distribution of animals on Federal and State lands and  
48 the truth of it is over the last couple of years, the  
49 bulk of the animals are found on State managed lands, not  
50 on Federal public lands. So simply shifting permits is

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1 not going to do much good.

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3 Basically we've identified a number of,  
4 perhaps, solutions to work with Buckland and Deering on  
5 ways to increase participation in the State hunt and  
6 we've talked to Percy at length about this and had a  
7 teleconference or two with the IRAs and will continue to  
8 do so. But, you know, we're committed to try to make the  
9 thing work in a nutshell and from discussions I've had  
10 with Jim Dau over at ADF&G, he's willing to do what he  
11 can to see if we can improve participation in the State  
12 hunt by the residents of those two communities.

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14 That's it in a nutshell for the 23 hunt.

15 So far to date we haven't had any reported successful  
16 Federal harvest. I don't think in most of the villages,  
17 there may not even have been any State reported harvest  
18 yet though. Around the Nome area there's been a number  
19 of muskoxen harvested under the State Tier II program.

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21 That's it for me unless you have  
22 questions.

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24 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Ken, I got one  
25 question. I see way down on the bottom permits were  
26 issued, one to Ambler and one to Kiana and then if these  
27 permits were issued to these villages, how do they hunt  
28 to the area where there's muskox, do you go on up over to  
29 Deering or Candle or Buckland, or, I mean how would you  
30 hunt out of Ambler or Kiana?

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32 MR. ADKISSON: No, that's the point. The  
33 hunt is in 23 southwest, that's south of Kotzebue Sound  
34 and from the Buckland drainage west. So if you're in  
35 Kotzebue or Ambler or Kiana or wherever these people are  
36 and they get a State permit they have to hunt on State  
37 managed lands in that hunt area and no, they can't use  
38 that permit around -- right around home.

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40 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Oh.

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42 MR. ADKISSON: And there's no aircraft  
43 use allowed under the State hunt so they've got to get  
44 down to the hunt area some other way.

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46 MR. BALLOT: I wonder if these people  
47 know that.

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49 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Nobody -- I don't even  
50 know if they.....

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1 MR. BALLOT: Because I was told somebody  
2 already got a muskox from one of the villages so.....

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4 MR. ADKISSON: From other than Buckland  
5 and Deering?

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7 MR. BALLOT: Roger.

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9 MR. ADKISSON: Um?

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11 MR. BALLOT: Roger.

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13 MR. ADKISSON: Roger?

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15 MR. BALLOT: Roger, yes. I said, yes.

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17 MR. ADKISSON: Oh, yeah, okay, I'm with  
18 you. Yeah.

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20 (Laughter)

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22 MR. ADKISSON: Yeah, I don't know that,  
23 you really need to ask ADF&G but I believe it probably  
24 says on the permit that aircraft aren't allowed to be  
25 used and I'm sure that their information and stuff says  
26 that, too, so I mean if they are using aircraft they're  
27 violating, you know, State provisions.

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29 MR. BALLOT: Going back, I just wanted to  
30 mention that Buckland and Deering were very upset and we  
31 had a teleconference and then we talked to you separately  
32 and we had talked about a lot of different things of what  
33 we want to do and we came to a thing that we want it to  
34 work, why not keep this program going. But we need more  
35 participation like from the IRA, in addition to the  
36 vendors.

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39 It says here that three people got --  
40 applied this year, it doesn't say how many permits were  
41 given out.

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43 MR. ADKISSON: There were.....

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45 MR. BALLOT: No, the permits were handed  
46 out to the people.

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48 MR. ADKISSON: Oh.

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50 MR. BALLOT: I heard the vendors say,

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1 hey, I give a lot of them out, you know, but these had to  
2 be mailed back into you, to the State, the application.

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4 MR. ADKISSON: No, that.....

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6 MR. BALLOT: A few were handed out  
7 then.....

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9 MR. ADKISSON: Yeah, I don't know. All I  
10 know on that Percy is I got to take, I guess, Tim Gavin's  
11 word for it. At the teleconference Tim said he -- and  
12 he's the vendor, he said that he handed out, you know, a  
13 fair number of permits, he didn't say how many but he  
14 said he thought, you know, quite a few. The bottom line  
15 is, you know, regardless of how many he handed out, there  
16 were only three of them that ever came back into ADF&G.

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18 MR. BALLOT: Uh-huh.

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20 MR. ADKISSON: And of those three, two of  
21 the people got permits and the third one was denied a  
22 permit on the basis of the State requirements that you  
23 can't have more than one permit per household. So what  
24 happened was three people in Buckland actually completed  
25 their application, mailed it into the State, two of those  
26 lived in the same household. So essentially everybody  
27 who could qualify got a permit and so, you know.

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29 MR. BALLOT: Okay.

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31 MR. ADKISSON: So it's not a scoring  
32 issue, it's strictly I think a participation issue and I  
33 think one of the things that we want to look at and work  
34 with you on is try to work with the IRA and try to  
35 increase the number of locations and the information that  
36 gets out about the hunt.

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38 MR. BALLOT: Uh-huh.

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40 MR. ADKISSON: And, you know, see if we  
41 can overcome that kind of gap in applications.

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43 MR. BALLOT: Okay.

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45 MR. ADKISSON: And there's some things we  
46 can do and those are laid out there.

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48 MR. BALLOT: So if the State -- if we  
49 make these recommendations are they going to follow it,  
50 too, or are they going to go okay, let's go for it.

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1 MR. ADKISSON: That's my understanding  
2 from talking to Jim is, is that they'll do what they can  
3 along those lines I indicated.

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5 MR. BALLOT: Uh-huh, okay.

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7 MR. ADKISSON: So we'll keep you posted  
8 and stuff.

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10 MR. BALLOT: Uh-huh.

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12 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Any more about muskox,  
13 Ken or Jim?

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15 MR. ADKISSON: Jim Magdanz just pointed  
16 out something that may clear up any confusion, what Tim  
17 Gavin, the licensed vendor is doing is providing people  
18 with applications, they're not actually permits to hunt.  
19 So you have to fill out.....

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21 MR. BALLOT: Right, we know that.

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23 MR. ADKISSON: .....the application and  
24 mail it back in. And we're going to work on, you know,  
25 trying to get more in. That's it, in a nutshell.

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27 MR. BALLOT: We understand that but they  
28 still have to get the applications.

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30 MR. ADKISSON: Right.

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32 MR. BALLOT: If they don't know the  
33 application is there, how can you apply? That's the  
34 point I'm trying to make that's why we need some, you  
35 know, some more communication on when they're available,  
36 where can they be at, more than just one place because  
37 at certain times, before Tim wasn't a vendor and we had  
38 to go to Deering, so those kind of things need to be  
39 clarified. The IRAs are always going to be there, we  
40 always share information with our public so I think  
41 that'd be a good source of helping out in trying to get  
42 the word out, how to fill them out and the where the  
43 hunter permits will be available.

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45 MR. ADKISSON: My understanding is that  
46 ADF&G is willing to make the applications available  
47 through the IRA. So we really will work with the IRA on  
48 that Percy.

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50 MR. BALLOT: Okay.

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: And Percy, does the IRA  
2 make recommendations that these permits are issued to you  
3 or somebody else or they just select them as they wish?

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5 MR. BALLOT: No, they go to the IRA, the  
6 IRA will.....

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8 CHAIRMAN STONEY: To select.....

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10 MR. BALLOT: .....give them out to the  
11 people to help them out when they're here and stuff like  
12 that.

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14 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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16 MR. ADKISSON: And my understanding is  
17 that we could also -- actually the IRA could probably  
18 collect the permits and sort of package them up together  
19 and mail them in in one shot so that's another way that  
20 we might be able to help the process. But the idea, I  
21 think, working with the IRA is we will train the Staff in  
22 the IRA offices on how to issue the applications and how  
23 to help people fill them out and stuff. Because you can,  
24 if you don't answer the questions right, you can wind up  
25 with a lower score than what you're probably entitled to.  
26 So understanding the application is important but the  
27 first hurdle we've got to get over is getting people to  
28 actually apply.

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30 MR. BALLOT: Mr. Chairman, I want to  
31 thank the National Park Service, especially him and Fred  
32 for trying to help us kind of work out these issues.

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34 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Uh-huh.

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36 MR. BALLOT: Because just when we finally  
37 start thinking the muskox taste good, we can't get much.

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39 (Laughter)

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41 MR. BALLOT: But thanks a lot and we'll  
42 make an effort to work more with the State.

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44 MR. ADKISSON: You're very welcome.

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46 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. It's like when  
47 Willie was Chair, sitting in the seat right here, we'd  
48 have a pot of roast muskox behind us someplace.

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50 MR. GOODWIN: You're slipping Raymond.

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1 (Laughter)

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3 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Any more questions for  
4 Ken about the muskox permits or harvest.

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6 MR. ADKISSON: Okay, the other thing we  
7 wanted to touch on this afternoon was along the line of  
8 the user conflict issue and things is what's the Park  
9 Service doing in relation to its concession management  
10 which will deal with the guides and transporters and I'll  
11 let Willie explain what those efforts are because he's  
12 one of our key people involved in it.

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14 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Willie.

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16 MR. GOODWIN: Thank you, Ken. Before I  
17 get into the commercial service plan I wanted to report  
18 to you that with respect to the number of permits issued  
19 to transporters and guides, our ranger went on personal  
20 leave for an operation so we weren't able to put that  
21 information but we will have something in the winter  
22 meeting to show number of permits out there. And by that  
23 time we should have that information how many permittees  
24 had clients out there.

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26 The commercial services plan, that was  
27 one of the reasons why I went to work for the Park  
28 Service is to do this. As you remember, sitting on that  
29 side of the table I always insisted that the Federal  
30 government, the agencies revisit their permit system so  
31 that we can find out if there's a way we can limit the  
32 number of clients the permittees have. So the plan now  
33 is to do the commercial services plan for the four parks  
34 in the region, the Bering Land Bridge, the Cape  
35 Krusenstern National Monument, Kobuk Valley National Park  
36 and Noatak National Preserve. It will be a blueprint on  
37 how commercial operations will be managed in the park  
38 lands for 10 to 15 years or so and revisit it again at  
39 that time.

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41 Identify the types and levels of  
42 commercial services. Mainly with your concerns on user  
43 conflicts, certainly the issue of number of permits  
44 issued for transporters and guides will be thoroughly  
45 looked at and after public review -- let me just show --  
46 this is -- I've got a draft newsletter that we're going  
47 to be sending out and distributing to various tribal  
48 governments and of course you will get a copy of it once  
49 it's finalized, it's got a couple of more reviews to go  
50 through and it will tell you what we're doing or going to

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1 do with this process.

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3 And then I intend to have some meetings  
4 in November in Kotzebue, Nome, Ambler, Kiana, Noatak and  
5 Shishmaref to review and do the scoping process to hear  
6 public concerns on what services should be allowed, to  
7 what extent and if there's limits to be imposed and what  
8 are their proposals on numbers.

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10 So once we do that then we'll get out  
11 another newsletter and then we'll start making the  
12 documents and decisions and publish the final plan.  
13 Hopefully, and I want to get this done by the spring of  
14 2004 we'll have it implemented.

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16 So one of the issues you were talking  
17 about this morning, Enoch, the Park Service will do here.  
18 And I feel excited because I co-chaired the first user  
19 conflict meeting that we had here in Kotzebue back a few  
20 years ago and I've been staying on top of the issue but  
21 now I got to do it, for the Park Service.

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23 Thank you.

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25 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Any questions for  
26 Willie.

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28 ATTAMUK: Yeah, I got one for Willie.  
29 Yeah, I'm in support of the user conflict as happening,  
30 the conflict is the transporters dropping off people out  
31 in the country. I've been thinking about this for a long  
32 time, since the meeting and the best thing I could come  
33 out with so far and I know I'm not -- I can't have an  
34 answer for everything but that drop off location is  
35 probably affecting the migration route of our animals.  
36 So I think what we need to do is look into also the  
37 location of drop off by the transporters dropping off.

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39 MR. GOODWIN: Certainly that will be an  
40 issue that we'll be talking about, not only where they  
41 drop off but at what time of the year.

42

43 ATTAMUK: Uh-huh.

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45 MR. GOODWIN: As the migration of the  
46 caribou start to move. There's certain times that we  
47 have to make sure that there's no disturbance.

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49 ATTAMUK: Yeah, before we had this we had  
50 no conflict. Now that they're dropping off people out



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1 there we're starting to have conflict. So like I say, I  
2 think it's really important that we have the location  
3 looked at.

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5 MR. GOODWIN: Also this plan will take  
6 into consideration all the other uses, you know, rafting,  
7 canoeing, hiking.

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9 ATTAMUK: There's not only -- you can't  
10 even touch some of those guys in canoe, their bags are so  
11 heavy, they won't even let you touch their bags. I tried  
12 it in Noatak a couple of times, we know there's more than  
13 what's in there, what's going on right at the Preserve,  
14 nice heavy rocks. I mean I tried it and they wouldn't  
15 even let me touch their bags. I know a heavy bag when I  
16 see a bag, I got alcohol a couple times.

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18 CHAIRMAN STONEY: When they go in there  
19 they get low.

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21 MR. GOODWIN: That completes my report,  
22 thank you.

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24 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Thank you very much,  
25 National Park.

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27 ATTAMUK: Thanks.

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29 CHAIRMAN STONEY: We got the Bureau of  
30 Land Management, Squirrel River update, Randy Meyers.

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32 MS. MEYERS: I think I only have about 13  
33 or so copies so if you want one, this is the Squirrel  
34 River update in terms of number of transporters and  
35 guides for '01 and '02, so maybe if not of great interest  
36 to some people perhaps. Randy Meyers, BLM and sitting  
37 with me is also Jeannie Cole from BLM.

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39 And at the very beginning of the meeting  
40 I put next to your spots, three different pieces of paper  
41 and they all have the Department of Interior BLM logo on  
42 it with the bison so look for that in your packets.  
43 There are three different reports there.

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45 Okay, the first report is one that if I  
46 had been here for your March meeting I would have given  
47 but I was in Nome at the annual meeting for the Reindeer  
48 Herders Association so Jeannie was here representing BLM  
49 but this would be, we're going back now to last fall,  
50 2001, and the information that I have here is based on a

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1 number of sources based on myself flying in the Squirrel  
2 for one visit in a Cessna 206 so we could only land at  
3 one of the bigger landing strip areas on No Name Creek  
4 but we overflowed the whole rest of the Squirrel looking to  
5 count the number of camps and stuff. And then I talked  
6 in my office with several of our special recreation  
7 permit holders and I also interviewed one of our special  
8 recreation permit holders by phone and interviewed Darryl  
9 Hildebrand, the Fish and Wildlife protection officer  
10 after the hunting season to get his impressions, you  
11 know, what he was seeing in the Squirrel and how that  
12 compared to some other areas, the Tag and the Noatak and  
13 the Kobuk. So drawing on those sources of information  
14 that's what went into the two pages that are the BLM  
15 special recreation permit summary for fall 2001 in the  
16 Squirrel River.

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18           So I'm just going to give you a few  
19 little highlights from that. We flew on the 18th of  
20 September so there were still a lot of hunters in the  
21 field because the non-resident moose season runs until  
22 the 20th. And we saw a total of nine hunting camps and  
23 there were four special recreation permit holders, so  
24 those are four guides and they had four main camps and  
25 then they each had one or more spike-camps scattered  
26 around. And of those guides, they guided 36 clients and  
27 they also in camp had a total of 24 support persons and  
28 so this is, you know, throughout those nine camps. So  
29 the support people are acting as cooks and assistant  
30 guides and they're packing the meat out and that kind of  
31 thing. And a lot of times when these support people are  
32 in camp, they're trading their services for a guided hunt  
33 so they're also hunting.

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35           And then you can see that the numbers of  
36 game taken includes 16 moose, 54 caribou, five brown bear  
37 and one black bear. And that goes for the guiding  
38 operations that BLM has responsibility to watch over.  
39 What I don't have is information on how much game the  
40 transporters took and how many clients the transporters  
41 dropped off. But I do know that there were four  
42 different transporter operations working in the Squirrel  
43 last fall.

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45           And then on Page 2, what I did was to  
46 just give you an idea of what goes on during the several  
47 week that a guide camp is in operation, so I kind of  
48 summarized their activities in several of the different  
49 camps. And the people that I have named here, Wayne  
50 Taylor, Matt Own, Ron Aldridge, those are special

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1 recreation permit holders so they have a permit from BLM  
2 to conduct their guiding operations and to have a camp.

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4 And I'll go ahead and talk about this  
5 years but does anybody have any questions on that first  
6 report for the fall of '01?

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8 (Pause)

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10 MS. MEYERS: Yes, Enoch.

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12 ATTAMUK: For your transporters, you got  
13 any idea how many animals was taken?

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15 MS. MEYERS: You know, I don't and in  
16 previous years I've actually tried to call those guys up  
17 and ask them. And so my report for this year is still in  
18 progress. I have some information but it's not complete  
19 yet. So what I'm going to do is I'm going to ask them  
20 about this year and then ask them to think about last  
21 year and they might have records they can go back to but  
22 if not I'm just going to ask them for their impression.  
23 So when I give you an update this spring on this year's  
24 information from the transporters I hope to have a little  
25 bit of information from last year.

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27 Just generally how it's been in the past,  
28 that the number of hunters that the transporters drop off  
29 has been higher than the number of clients that are  
30 special recreation permit holders take in or guide and it  
31 makes sense. Because if you are responsible for, you  
32 know, taking a person out and finding an animal for them,  
33 that takes a lot more time than just, you know, dropping  
34 someone off on a gravel bar. So they have to feed them,  
35 keep them happy and, you know, talk to them about the  
36 regulations and, you know, how to tell a 50 rack moose  
37 from a 60 rack moose and all that kind of stuff.

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39 ATTAMUK: I got another question.

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41 MS. MEYERS: Enoch.

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43 ATTAMUK: Are you ever going to talk to  
44 the guides to see what they see what they think of this  
45 transporters dropping off people? I know they have their  
46 -- there's a conflict right here, the guides versus the  
47 -- the guides don't like the transporters because they're  
48 disturbing the hunting area for their clients and the  
49 clients are having a harder and harder time getting their  
50 bag.

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1 MS. MEYERS: The issue seems to be if  
2 there's enough spacing between this guide here and the  
3 transporter party that's dropped over there. And so if  
4 there's enough, you know, room in between the two they  
5 seem to be able to coexist. But if when they start  
6 getting crowded then there is definitely some conflict.  
7 And just generally talking to Wayne Taylor this year at  
8 No Name Creek, he said that he really wasn't feel the  
9 press of other people this year. There was -- while I  
10 was there visiting him you could hear an airplane  
11 downstream from where we were and every once in a while  
12 you could see one and it was circling a lot and we  
13 weren't sure what was going on. And you could see that  
14 he was a little bit concerned about that and he said,  
15 boy, I sure hope they don't drop somebody near my camp.  
16 So it is an ongoing concern.

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18 ATTAMUK: Let me ask another question.

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20 MS. MEYERS: Yes.

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22 ATTAMUK: Can any plane land anywhere on  
23 the Squirrel River in the sand bars?

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25 MS. MEYERS: Yeah, wherever they can find  
26 a place on the sand bar that's long enough for them to  
27 land safely.

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29 ATTAMUK: Uh-huh.

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31 MS. MEYERS: That's legal.

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33 ATTAMUK: Yeah.

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35 MS. MEYERS: Okay. For this year the  
36 weather hasn't been real great for flying and then on the  
37 days when there is halfway decent weather, the two  
38 outfits that I would fly with to make a visit in the  
39 Squirrel have been pretty busy. So I was able to fly in  
40 a Cessna 206 on the 12th of September and I had hoped to  
41 get out before that, either on the 10th or an 11th in a  
42 smaller plane, in a little Super Cub so we could land at  
43 more different spots than we could in the 206, that  
44 didn't work, I've just been out that one time in the 206.  
45 And I've tried after that time frame to get out in the  
46 Super Cub, haven't yet, but I'm still on their schedule.  
47 So that will give me some more information to add to this  
48 report.

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50 But when we did fly on the 12th of

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1 September, we saw 11 camps and this was only in the  
2 western third of the Squirrel River so we were in the  
3 headwaters fork area, the west fork area, No Name Creek,  
4 the main stem of the Squirrel and we saw 11 camps. Not  
5 all of them were big, some of them were small spike-camps  
6 that just had one tent. But others were bigger camps  
7 that had maybe, you know, anywhere from four tents to six  
8 tents.

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10 We landed at Wayne Taylor's again because  
11 we were in a 206 and his operation was a lot smaller this  
12 year than he's had in previous years. He had one guided  
13 hunter, so only one client and then he had four other  
14 drop off clients. And he said he thought that the  
15 terrorist bombings from last year and the generally  
16 depressed economy this year had effected his client  
17 numbers. And he is planning on trying to have a few more  
18 next year but with that small group he had the one guided  
19 hunter, four drop offs and besides himself in camp he had  
20 only two other people support, doing the cooking and  
21 assistant guide and that kind of thing. So it was a  
22 pretty small operation this year.

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24 And he said the caribou were coming  
25 through in nice small bunches pretty regularly, not a lot  
26 of them but they saw caribou every day and they were a  
27 nice mix, some cows and calves but usually had some bulls  
28 mixed in. So they had shot some caribou and were hoping  
29 to get, you know, one moose for his camp and then they  
30 were going to pack up and head out.

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32 So I still have some work to do to find  
33 out how the other special recreation permit holders did.  
34 Another thing that we do that I forgot to mention is that  
35 they need to send in annual reports and these reports are  
36 pretty cut and dry, not a whole lot of information in  
37 them. But that also tells us, you know, how many clients  
38 they took out and what type of game they took and the  
39 dates and that kind of stuff, so those reports are still  
40 coming in -- well, they're not even here yet, they won't  
41 come in until this winter.

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43 So any questions for this year?

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45 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Questions.

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47 MS. MEYERS: Okay, the last is a special  
48 request from Percy because we've had a lot of focus on  
49 the Squirrel but he wanted to know, well, what's  
50 happening down in Buckland and this is for '01. I haven't

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1 done the -- actually this is a blend, this is a blend for  
2 '01 and '02, last year and this year. And we actually  
3 have three special recreation permit holders down in the  
4 general Buckland area. One fellow is in the Kauk River  
5 area, one fellow is in the Kiwalik River area and the  
6 third guy is in the upper Koyukuk River.

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8 Let's see, what do I want to say, because  
9 these are for different times of the year, one operation  
10 was a small operation, John Walker's, he just took out  
11 one hunter in May of last year and they got a brown bear.  
12 Mike Vanning started hunting last year, started guiding  
13 last year in Northwest Alaska and his is kind of a medium  
14 size operation, four to eight clients each year for  
15 caribou and moose. And then Bob Boutang is new this year  
16 and he has a little bit bigger operation but in talking  
17 to one of his assistant guides who is actually a full  
18 fledged guide in his own right, but anyway, he's  
19 assisting Bob this year, they realized that they bit off  
20 more than they can chew. The 27 drop off hunters that  
21 they took in, he said that that was way too many hunters.  
22 They just couldn't ride herd on those guys. And he said  
23 they spent some time briefing them on game regs, on, you  
24 know, land status and agency policies with respect to  
25 land status and, you know, stuff about safety and  
26 hypothermia and that it seemed to just kind of, you know,  
27 not really sink in. So next year, they're already  
28 planning for next year, they want to come back but they  
29 want to streamline their operation and they want to  
30 increase the number of guided hunters, not by a lot but --  
31 and decrease by quite a bit, the number of drop off  
32 transporters. So I thought that, you know, they were  
33 being practical and realistic and I was glad to hear  
34 that.

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36 Questions in the Buckland, especially  
37 Percy.

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39 MR. BALLOT: Just that it doesn't really  
40 say how much hunters are dropped off by the transporters?

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42 MS. MEYERS: You're right. That is the  
43 weakness of this one because the people that I talked to,  
44 and they were names that I had heard in the past that had  
45 operated around here, Tanana Air, Wright Air, Warbelo's,  
46 Northwest Aviation, of course, and there was one other  
47 and none of them were taking anybody into the Buckland  
48 River area. And so that includes Deering and the Tag and  
49 all of that. Oh, Brooks Valley Outfitters or something --  
50 Brooks Range Outfitters, those were the five and it was

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1 just too far away from their operations, their base of  
2 operations. But the people that I didn't talk to didn't --  
3 they were busy, you know, they were out flying and  
4 hunting and so I think the three that I've listed here  
5 probably are active this year and were active last year  
6 in the Buckland and I'll try to get some figures from  
7 them.

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9 MR. BALLOT: I do appreciate your report  
10 and your effort.

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12 MS. MEYERS: Oh, good, good. And that's  
13 all I had.

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15 MS. COLE: I'm Jeannie Cole and I'm with  
16 the Bureau of Land Management. And I just wanted to take  
17 an opportunity to update the Council on the progress of  
18 the Western Arctic Caribou Management Plan. I put a copy  
19 on the table for all of you and it's also got a cover  
20 letter from Fish and Game on it.

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22 This plan has been in the process for  
23 about two years, Raymond is really familiar with it.  
24 He's been working on it. And this is the public review  
25 draft which is out for public comment right now. The  
26 deadline for commenting is October 31st of this year.  
27 And the reason for that deadline is that the planning  
28 group is supposed to meet in November to go over people's  
29 comments and then the final plan will be given to the  
30 working group at their December meeting for their  
31 approval. And then if they approve it, it would go to  
32 the Board of Game and the Federal Subsistence Board in  
33 2003 for approval.

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35 And we'd really like to get more public  
36 input on it, especially from the villages out in the  
37 region. The cover letter here gives you a little  
38 background on it. It has the address of where you send  
39 comments. It has John Trent's phone number. If you  
40 don't want to write comments you can call John and give  
41 him verbal comments. He's also got his e-mail address  
42 here if you have e-mail access and you like doing e-mail.  
43 You can send comments by e-mail. There's a comment form  
44 in there which is self-addressed and postage paid so you  
45 can just write comments right on there and fold it up and  
46 staple it and put it in the mail. It has specific  
47 questions on it but you can also attach more papers if  
48 you just want to make general comments.

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50 There's more copies of the plan and these

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1 forms over there on the table if you would like to take  
2 more of them home with you, if there's other people in  
3 your villages that you think might be interested in  
4 looking at the plan and willing to comment on it. Please  
5 take as many as you want, give them out to people, try to  
6 get people to make comments.

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8 It looks kind of long but it's actually  
9 -- a lot of it appendices, the actual plan is only 15  
10 pages long and it's kind of an overall strategy plan just  
11 to guide the management of the herd.

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13 And the major issues addressed in it are  
14 population management, it splits the herd up into a low  
15 population, medium population or high population and kind  
16 of outlines what kind of management strategy would be  
17 used at those different population levels. It has a  
18 section on habitat management, a section on regulations,  
19 section on the reindeer industry and conflicts. And also  
20 an education component and a knowledge component, how to  
21 preserve the traditional, ecological knowledge and use it  
22 for management and also how to -- what additional  
23 scientific knowledge do we need and how are we going to  
24 go about getting that information.

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26 So I just wanted to make you all aware of  
27 that and that the deadline for comments is coming up and  
28 that the working group would really, really like to get a  
29 lot of input from local people. That's all I have unless  
30 you all have questions.

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32 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Questions for Jeannie  
33 from the Council.

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35 MR. BALLOT: I'm just wondering, it's  
36 just background information that you here, it says that  
37 the last census was '99, when's the next one going to be  
38 or how often do they do them?

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40 MS. COLE: They do them every three years  
41 and they were supposed to do one this summer but the  
42 weather didn't cooperate. So I imagine they'll try it  
43 again next summer.

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45 MS. MEYERS: And the interesting thing on  
46 the weather this summer, it wasn't so much that they  
47 couldn't fly, that it was low ceilings and visabilities  
48 but it was cool and windy up on the North Slope and so  
49 they depend on the caribou getting together in huge  
50 aggregations, thousands and thousands of caribou all mass



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1 together if the whether is hot with not much wind because  
2 they're trying to get away from insects and so they're  
3 traveling towards the coast and they just band together  
4 in big bunches. Because it's harder for the insects to  
5 get at them if they're all crowded together. But this  
6 July up on the Slope, it was warm down here but it was  
7 cool and rainy up there so they flew a lot and they had  
8 taken all their supplies up to where they base out of,  
9 their base camp and they were ready to do the census, all  
10 the people were waiting but the caribou never got into  
11 their big groups so it wouldn't have done them any good  
12 to go up. So they were ready to do that census this  
13 year. So they're hoping -- and that was kind of an  
14 unusual year for that to happen. Usually the caribou are  
15 really balled up in July.

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17 MR. BALLOT: Thank you.

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19 ATTAMUK: Yeah, Percy, a majority of the  
20 caribou were up in the mountains this year, not like they  
21 used to be on the flats, where they had been on -- on the  
22 grounds where they usually have -- when I talked to Jim  
23 is why they couldn't take the census this year.

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25 And I thank Randy for the Squirrel River  
26 and we still need to get a handle, like I say, on the  
27 conflict, user conflict at the BLM land. Because there's  
28 only so much the land could take before it starts  
29 suffering and we need that information. I know it's  
30 going to be a slow process but I'd say you're doing a  
31 good job and don't give up on it. I'm pretty happy with  
32 what I've seen so far.

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34 MS. MEYERS: Thank you.

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36 MR. BALLOT: The other part is, does this  
37 plan -- I'm just wondering how much over the years  
38 reindeers have mixed with the caribou? What are those  
39 numbers and what are they doing, are they making super  
40 reindeer or caribous or what?

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42 (Laughter)

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44 MS. COLE: Well, based on what I've  
45 talked to Jim Dau about that, he says the number of  
46 reindeer that have disappeared from the Seward Peninsula,  
47 like, for instance this last year, maybe a few thousand  
48 more, two or three thousand more reindeer took off from  
49 the Seward Peninsula but that is such a small number of  
50 reindeer compared to the 450,000 caribou, that it

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1 probably doesn't make a big impact as far as genetics and  
2 interbreeding. And also the reindeer tend -- they breed  
3 like -- they drop their fawns a month earlier so they  
4 tend to get left behind as the caribou are migrating  
5 north, they tend to drop out and not be able to keep up.

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7 But that's a good question.

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9 MR. BALLOT: I was looking at the  
10 satellite tag and stuff and the tracking. I heard some  
11 folks told me that they went all the way somewhere and  
12 ended up in Sosolic, straight across. I'm just  
13 wondering, is that what they're doing now?

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15 ATTAMUK: Yeah, I'll answer that. I  
16 forward that to your office at Buckland.

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18 MR. BALLOT: Oh.

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20 ATTAMUK: On the information I got. And  
21 every time I get information from Nome I forward it to  
22 you. But the process on that satellite is this, that I  
23 recommended and it's accepted, that they delay a  
24 satellite information by one month except for certain  
25 access into it that we could get the satellite tagging  
26 reading but the outside sporthunters will get information  
27 the caribous -- the exact location to date is delayed by  
28 one month. It's okay up to a point. Most guys got an  
29 idea, you know, the migration routes of the caribou but  
30 outsiders that don't know anything, they will use that  
31 satellite tagging to get information to find the  
32 location, individuals with planes, that way they would  
33 use it. And it has a delay in there, Percy, because I'm  
34 the one that -- Raymond and I is in that working group --  
35 on this plan here, up to a point, I'm satisfied with it  
36 but I'm not going to -- I'm still not completely -- I'm  
37 not 100 percent. I don't think I'll ever be 100 percent  
38 in my life anyhow.

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40 (Laughter)

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42 ATTAMUK: But still, there's some things  
43 left out by the State that I have concerns over. They  
44 don't have a biological study done on the food chain of  
45 the caribou and I see how it -- it will effect the  
46 caribou and it will effect -- if they don't have any food  
47 out there like any other animals they'll decline. And  
48 this is one of the reasons we have to look into it. And  
49 I've been trying to tell the State and they're not  
50 hearing me. And that's the thing I'm going to object to --

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1 I'm not agree to -- this is my -- I'm not going to agree  
2 to this here and the input I get from the people here  
3 when they call me, the IRA villages, I had about eight  
4 different IRA villages call me because I e-mailed this --  
5 I scanned this.

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7 MS. COLE: The plan you did, oh, good.

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9 ATTAMUK: I scanned it and I e-mailed it  
10 to everybody.

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12 MS. COLE: Good.

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14 ATTAMUK: Because I find out when you not  
15 only mail it sometimes it gets tossed aside in the office  
16 and they never see it but e-mail is a different thing,  
17 they have to respond to it. That's one of the tools.

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19 MS. COLE: There is a section on habitat  
20 and it does recommend habitat monitoring but right now  
21 BLM is the only agency that's doing any habitat  
22 monitoring and we have such a small number of studies out  
23 there that, you know, it's hard to extrapolate that over  
24 the whole range of the herd.

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26 ATTAMUK: I asked Randy to give us a  
27 speech on moss study that she's done so far and the  
28 plants she did.

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30 MS. MEYERS: Lichens.

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32 ATTAMUK: Lichens study she did because I  
33 like the work she's doing and happy with what she's doing  
34 so far. But still, like I say, the completion of this  
35 plan, is, to me, it's not complete, yet and I can't agree  
36 to anything that's not complete like anything else, even  
37 like.....

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39 MS. COLE: Well, keep in mind this is an  
40 overall strategy plan so you could -- not everything's  
41 going to be answered in this plan. This plan is going to  
42 say, okay, the next step is we need to do this and then  
43 as the plan is implemented additional things can be done  
44 and so.....

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46 ATTAMUK: Like we say at the meeting when  
47 is the Feds going to take over.

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49 MS. COLE: Anything else.

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: That's it.

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3 MS. COLE: Okay, thank you.

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5 MS. MEYERS: Thank you.

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7 CHAIRMAN STONEY: All right, we're down  
8 to Alaska Department of Fish and Game, A, B, C, D. State  
9 Fish and Game.

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11 MS. GEORGETTE: I think it's just us  
12 Raymond. My name is Susan Georgette and this is Jim  
13 Magdanz and we work with the Subsistence Division with  
14 the Fish and Game Department here. And we just have a  
15 brief update on some of our work. In fact, I have some  
16 pictures here from the whitefish work that I thought you  
17 could just flip through and pass around.

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19 As LeeAnn mentioned earlier we're working  
20 on a regional project to document Inupiat knowledge of  
21 whitefish in Kotzebue Sound. And the funding's come from  
22 several sources, including the Selawik Refuge, the Gates  
23 of the Arctic National Park and the Federal Subsistence  
24 Office. My colleagues in this project have been Attamuk  
25 with Maniilaq and Clyde Ramoth with the Selawik Refuge.  
26 Last winter and spring, Clyde and I interviewed about a  
27 dozen elders and fishermen in Selawik about their  
28 knowledge of whitefish. Most of what we're trying to  
29 document are things people know about their abundance,  
30 the kinds of whitefish that are in their area, where they  
31 spawn, how they move, which kinds are preferred, just all  
32 sorts of things. And as you know, whitefish are kind of  
33 a complicated animal or fish and I had this one chart I  
34 used sometimes in our interviews that shows the different  
35 kinds of whitefish that scientists recognize but in  
36 Selawik, for instance, people had six or seven names of  
37 different kinds of whitefish that we were never totally  
38 able to say well this is this kind and where they're  
39 different, whether mixed species or age or different  
40 drainages and that's one of the reasons why Jeff Adams  
41 and LeeAnn talked about that project that they wanted to  
42 do in Selawik to really figure out the different species  
43 and how they correspond. Because you really need to be  
44 out there for a long time looking at what people are  
45 catching and talking with them.

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47 Jim Magdanz and I spent last week in the  
48 Upper Kobuk River fish camps talking to people about  
49 whitefish and looking at what they catch. Charlie Lean  
50 and I boated around in Selawik last June for a couple

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1 days and looked at what people caught and talked with  
2 people in the camps and it's really been a pleasure to  
3 work on and a lot of fun to work on with people.

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5 We're hoping to do similar work in the  
6 coming year in Noatak and possible Kotzebue and Noorvik.  
7 So we have kind of different areas of the region covered.

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9 We're also working on our subsistence  
10 salmon harvest surveys that we do every year and I'm  
11 working with John Trent and Maniilaq on caribou and big  
12 game harvest surveys in a couple of villages each year.

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14 So that's all I have right now.

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16 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Jim.

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18 MR. MAGDANZ: Mr. Chair.

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20 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Oh, wait a minute, any  
21 questions for Susan. No questions, okay, Jim.

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23 MR. MAGDANZ: Mr. Chair, Jim Magdanz.  
24 I've worked on several projects over the last year.

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26 One of the projects has been down in the  
27 Nome area, just to mention it, with Kawarek, we surveyed  
28 households in Nome that fished outside of the Nome permit  
29 area to estimate salmon harvest down there. And it's  
30 been a productive project with Kawarek and we've come up  
31 with a better estimate of Nome salmon harvest than we  
32 have ever before. Fish and Wildlife has supported that  
33 research.

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35 In this area I've been involved in a Park  
36 Service project looking at the human land relationships  
37 on the Upper Kobuk River. It was an outgrowth of the  
38 user conflicts. We've been interviewing elders there for  
39 three years, talking to them about how they use the land  
40 through their lives and how their families use the land,  
41 where they camped and when and why and how those uses  
42 have changed over time.

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44 This year we're interviewing Rose Custer,  
45 who lived most of her life in Kobuk. Our other  
46 respondents have all been from Shungnak. So Rose moves  
47 us up river a village and now we have a Kobuk respondent.  
48 And I've been working with Vernetta Nay and Jonas Ramoth.  
49 Vernetta Nay is with Maniilaq's Inupiat program, Jonas is  
50 with the Park Service and so the three of us have been

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1 working with Rose on that project. And the ultimate goal  
2 is to write a report that documents the use of land on  
3 the Upper Kobuk River for subsistence.

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5           Looking ahead, the Park Service is  
6 funding a project to do a comprehensive survey of  
7 subsistence in one community on the Kobuk River. We  
8 periodically will do what we used to call baseline  
9 surveys where we not only ask about salmon and big game  
10 but we ask about really everything that people use. We  
11 also ask about employment and we ask about family history  
12 in a real comprehensive survey. And these surveys, we  
13 don't do, by any means every year and we certainly don't  
14 do them for every community but the Kobuk River is one  
15 place where we've never done a survey like this. We've  
16 got Kivalina and Kotzebue and Noatak and Deering. But we  
17 don't have anything on any of the villages to the east.  
18 And so we're going to propose that we do that -- I think  
19 we're going to do that in Shungnak but we need to sit  
20 down with the IRA there and see what their level of  
21 interest is. And if we do do it with a community we'll  
22 do a cooperative agreement with the IRA and bring them in  
23 as a partner on the project.

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25           So that's what's on tap for me in the  
26 coming winter.

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28           One other item, I attended the Board of  
29 Game meeting in November and again in January when they  
30 discussed the controlled use area on the Upper Kobuk. I  
31 got the tapes of those meetings and I put them on CD, so  
32 if anyone is interested in listening to the public  
33 testimony and the Staff reports and the Board's  
34 deliberations on that controlled use area to see what  
35 information the Board had before it in January and what  
36 the Board said in the process of making their decisions,  
37 I can put that on CD for you. I made a couple copies of  
38 that and took it up to Shungnak recently and gave it out  
39 to some people in the village who had been interested in  
40 that so they could hear what the Board had done.

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42           Mr. Chair.

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44           CHAIRMAN STONEY: Any questions from the  
45 Council to Jim. Agencies. Public. I guess no  
46 questions, Jim.

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48           MS. GEORGETTE: Thanks.

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50           MR. MAGDANZ: Okay, thanks.

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Thank you very much.  
2 Okay, other reports, do we have anything on other  
3 reports, Percy, as far as from the agencies?

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5 MR. BALLOT: Mum's the word.

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7 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. If none, we're  
8 to the next item, written reports and informational items  
9 for Council members, where'd that come from?

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11 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair, I think that's sort  
12 of a catch all in case you didn't get briefed on  
13 everything. But I'm not aware of any other written  
14 materials that are available either in the book or from  
15 the agencies unless the agencies have anything to add.

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17 I think that's one of the standard items  
18 that we put in our agendas to make sure we catch those  
19 things. But I'm not aware that there are additional  
20 information that you haven't seen already.

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22 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Down to other  
23 business.

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25 MR. BALLOT: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

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27 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Percy.

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29 MR. BALLOT: I do have one that we should  
30 consider and that is the issue we were talking about  
31 earlier about transporters and stuff like that. After  
32 hearing all that, them not being regulated like our  
33 guides are and all that kind of stuff, I'd like to -- I  
34 don't know whether we need -- what it should be called,  
35 an opinion letter or a letter requesting that there is  
36 something that needs to be in place in regards to  
37 regulating transporters and stuff like that. So I'd like  
38 to see a letter written that needs to be addressed by the  
39 State or whoever the powers that be at some point in time  
40 because of the user conflict interest things that are  
41 going on. And I'd like to, that we recommend from this  
42 board that this issue be looked at and considered very  
43 highly.

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45 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Anything else on  
46 other business? I presume that the agencies will look  
47 into this, what persons.....

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49 MR. BOYD: I think we'll work with you,  
50 Mr. Chair, in terms of a letter.

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. Tom.

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3 MR. BOYD: I'm trying to recall some of  
4 the discussion but is this -- would this letter be  
5 addressed to -- whom would you be addressing that letter  
6 to?

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8 MR. BALLOT: Well, like I said, it'd be  
9 the State of Alaska, Governor.

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11 MR. BOYD: Okay.

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13 MR. BALLOT: Create whatever it might be,  
14 I don't know, if you'd call them a Game Board.....

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16 MR. BOYD: Right.

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18 MR. BALLOT: .....but these transporters  
19 aren't regulated like guide hunters are or whatever.  
20 Isn't that what I heard today?

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22 MS. MEYERS: That is correct.

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24 MR. BALLOT: Okay, that's what I'm saying  
25 then. Is that -- somebody needs to address these issues  
26 that these transporters are creating.

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28 MR. BOYD: Okay. I'm going to be asking  
29 Helen to work directly with you, Mr. Stoney.....

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31 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah.

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33 MR. BOYD: .....to work on that.

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35 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Sure. Okay, I'll do  
36 that.

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38 MR. BOYD: Okay.

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40 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Anything else on other  
41 business. I guess there's none so the back of your.....

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43 ATTAMUK: Oh.

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45 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Did I miss anything?

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47 ATTAMUK: Yeah, I got one but these  
48 pictures are interesting. I got one, is there anywhere  
49 in the Park lands, not only here in Alaska but other park  
50 areas that are having the problems with the user conflict



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1 people coming into an area, in the migration -- is there  
2 anywhere -- a study done on the user conflict? This  
3 question was asked before and never answered. Like  
4 Yellowstone or anywhere, where how much could the land  
5 take before it started being hurt. Because with the  
6 conflict we're having right now we are starting to hurt  
7 just from the -- just on caribou alone. You know, if  
8 there was no caribou we probably wouldn't holler but we  
9 are caribou people, you know.

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11 Are you aware of any?

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13 MR. BOYD: Well, I'm sure there is.

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15 ATTAMUK: Because there is only so much  
16 the land can take and abused.

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18 MR. BOYD: I would defer to my colleagues  
19 in the various agencies on this. It's not an area that  
20 I'm expert enough to speak to. But I'm sure that there  
21 are such studies on limits of types of uses in  
22 various.....

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24 ATTAMUK: Because it's such a small area,  
25 the Squirrel River is being hit, also Buckland and  
26 Selawik, you know. And even if they're not landing in  
27 Noatak, I'm feeling it and the people in Noatak is  
28 feeling it, you know, just the planes just flying over  
29 you know.

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31 MR. BOYD: Would any of my colleagues  
32 like to respond?

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34 MR. SPIRITES: Dave Spirtes. I'm  
35 superintendent of Western Arctic Park lands. There's a  
36 tremendous number of studies of impacts of people on  
37 social -- the social effects on other visitors in the  
38 Lower 48 and now in National Parks there's a study of  
39 aircraft impacts. Gates of the Arctic, in fact, is doing  
40 one between users. None of the ones that we've been able  
41 to find really correlate to the situation here of sort of  
42 impact of outside hunters on traditional cultures and  
43 communities. And so there's methodology for determining  
44 what those effects are but we really haven't seen  
45 anything that we could really apply very well to this.

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47 And I will say this, as Willie goes  
48 forward with the -- he's going to be the lead planner on  
49 the commercial services planning, we'll be looking a  
50 little more closely into that and we can make a report

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1 back at the next meeting as to what we've been able to  
2 find about how we can mitigate those impacts.

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4 ATTAMUK: Because, you know, as Natives  
5 out there, you know, in what we're hearing, you know,  
6 just by the migration back to it again, you know, we're  
7 feeling it, you know, and then why are the people in  
8 Noatak hunting down river instead of up like they used  
9 to, you know. And like I stated back earlier, you know,  
10 just the drop off points of the canoes or somebody  
11 somewhere is changing the route of the caribou, the  
12 migration route. And that's going to impact the herd and  
13 if they do decline everybody's going to hurt. Not only  
14 the subsistence takers or users, it's going to effect the  
15 guides, too, everybody's going to be effected. And if we  
16 start working on it now it would be nice and stay ahead  
17 of the ball game, you know. We need to do it now and  
18 start worrying about it now. Because right now just  
19 because the caribou is healthy we shouldn't worry about  
20 it, I think that's when we should start worrying about  
21 it, when the numbers are getting too high.

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23 MR. SPIRITES: And as you know, Enoch,  
24 just because of the natural variability in what caribou  
25 do, it just makes it so complex to separate out what's an  
26 impact by an aircraft or by human activity from what's  
27 just their natural variation. But we certainly have to  
28 find better ways to do that.

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30 ATTAMUK: I'm glad the caribou play games  
31 with us.

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33 (Laughter)

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35 ATTAMUK: Thanks.

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37 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, I've been waiting  
38 for this, 15, establish time and a place for the next  
39 meeting. On the back of your packets you've got winter  
40 2003. Tom.

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42 MR. BOYD: You'll notice that behind Tab  
43 M, Mr. Chair, there's a letter from me to the Regional  
44 Advisory Council members about the scheduling of  
45 meetings. I hope you've had a chance to read it.

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47 There are two concerns that I present in  
48 two pages. One is when we hold the meetings and the  
49 other is where we hold the meetings. And in general, the  
50 concerns on where we hold the meetings and I've been

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1 focused on the smaller communities and the attendant  
2 concerns and problems associated with traveling to the  
3 smaller communities. That has not been an issue in this  
4 region because most of the meetings if not all of them  
5 have been held here in Kotzebue. However, from time to  
6 time we see that, you know, there may be issues specific  
7 to a small community where we would want to figure out a  
8 way to consult with those folks and hold smaller meetings  
9 in smaller communities as well. But given the growth of  
10 this program after we took over fisheries and the larger  
11 number of Staff that have to travel and get to places,  
12 there have been a number of problems associated with  
13 traveling to the small communities. That's problem  
14 number 1.

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16           Number 2, is scheduling. It's something  
17 you don't see that I see is that when we try to fit  
18 together a schedule for 10 Councils sometimes because we  
19 have Staff that has to travel to more than one meeting we  
20 see conflicts. Not only conflicts with that but just for  
21 administering 10 different meetings.

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23           So I've proposed in here a discussion on  
24 effective ways to address the question of, you know,  
25 whether we should conduct as many meetings in the smaller  
26 communities and, again, I'm not sure that that is a  
27 concern of this Council since all of the meetings or most  
28 of the meetings are here and the most effective ways to  
29 proceed on that in the future. And the second concern is  
30 how to address the question of managing 10 Council  
31 meetings and how to engage with you in doing that.

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33           And what I've proposed on the second  
34 concern, on the when question or the scheduling question  
35 is that we not only identify the dates for the winter  
36 meetings that are coming up in about six months but the  
37 meetings that will occur next fall, we identify those as  
38 well at this meeting. So that we can plan a year out.  
39 And then we can put together a schedule for next fall and  
40 bring it to you at the next meeting so you can see how  
41 you fit in with all the other Councils and where there  
42 might be conflicts and where there might be opportunities  
43 for making adjustments. Does that make sense?

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45           What I'm asking is to do some planning  
46 further out than just the next meeting, so that we have  
47 an opportunity to make adjustments if we need to, you  
48 know, before the meeting occurs and I can -- or my Staff  
49 can consult with the entire Council, you know, before we  
50 have those meetings and that sort of thing.

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1           So I'm asking you to kind of look at, not  
2 only the next meeting next winter but the meetings next  
3 fall as well. And we've got two of these -- I don't know  
4 if you have this.

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6           MR. FRIED: I don't think they were in  
7 the suitcase.

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9           MR. BOYD: Yeah, there's only one in the  
10 book and maybe -- this is where I need my coordinator  
11 here. We have another meeting window schedule that we  
12 can hand out to you. I don't know if we can get copies  
13 of this now?

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15          ATTAMUK: I hear what you're saying  
16 because there's a conflict with -- might, but not yet,  
17 though, but with the Migratory Birds, Western Arctic  
18 Caribou herd and this group here.

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20          MR. BOYD: Well, exactly.

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22          ATTAMUK: And with the Migratory Bird, we  
23 designated two meetings and they'll be about which month,  
24 too, and they're going to be scheduled. So that was  
25 going to -- what I was going to say is we need to do that  
26 with this organization here that way if I have my  
27 Migratory Bird meeting I will say this is about when we  
28 will have our unit -- our eight -- we'll have our meeting  
29 at these dates and it will be okay. I can't speak for  
30 the other Councils, you know, and that's the problem  
31 we're running into from the other regions is the other  
32 Councils can make certain meetings but we can't always  
33 satisfy everyone. That's why it was nice for the  
34 Migratory Birds to have alternates.

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36          MR. BOYD: Yes.

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38          ATTAMUK: So if we could pick two dates  
39 for the winter and spring meeting it would be nice and  
40 now -- we stick to those -- not always the same dates but  
41 real close to the dates there within the week to two  
42 weeks.

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44          MR. BOYD: Okay.

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46          ATTAMUK: That way 10 years from now  
47 we'll always stick to that schedule. And your meeting  
48 with the smaller communities, I would like to comment on  
49 that. We tried that with different Western Arctic  
50 Caribou, Migratory Birds, it don't quite work out like

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1 that due to hotel. There's no place to put them. And  
2 it's hard to impose on people and say, can we have people  
3 stay in your house.

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5 MR. BOYD: Yes.

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7 ATTAMUK: Even me, with some of my  
8 relatives, I had a hard time asking to stay in there  
9 homes. So you know, we have to be careful of where -- if  
10 there is a hotel, yes, like -- but Upper Kobuk, but  
11 there's only so much the little places could take.

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13 So unless there's a real conflict of  
14 decline or issues we have to hit in the community, that's  
15 the only time I would recommend that we come in where  
16 there's no hotels.

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18 So when is our next opening date without  
19 the other calendars, the ones we have here with other  
20 Councils?

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22 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair, I'd suggest maybe  
23 we look at the -- if you want to do that now, look at the  
24 winter meeting window and select a date or alternate and  
25 then we'll look at next fall if that's okay with you.

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27 CHAIRMAN STONEY: So just look at the  
28 winter.....

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30 MR. BOYD: Well we can first look at the  
31 next winter meeting schedule, this is what you have in  
32 your book.

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34 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Uh-huh.

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36 MR. BOYD: And pick some meetings dates  
37 off of that calendar.

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39 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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41 MR. BOYD: The window runs from February  
42 18th to March 21st.

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44 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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46 MR. BOYD: And you could pick a time for  
47 that meeting and then we can work with that. And if you  
48 want to pick an alternate that's fine, too. And then I  
49 thought we could look at next fall as well.

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah.

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3 MR. BOYD: Next fall would not be set in  
4 stone yet. We could then come back to you next winter  
5 and show you what it looks like for all the Councils and  
6 if we need to make adjustments and plus these other  
7 meetings and then if we need to make adjustments then we  
8 can do that.

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10 I think the idea is we want to keep  
11 looking forward so that we avoid these conflicts, as far  
12 forward as possible.

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14 CHAIRMAN STONEY: You guys want the dates  
15 in February or March? February 16th through March 22nd.  
16 I know that March is somewhat busy, isn't it Lillian?

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18 MS. JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

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20 MR. BOYD: Yeah, it's February 18th  
21 through March 21st on your calendar where we have the  
22 meeting window opens.

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24 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah.

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26 MR. BOYD: February 18th and it closes on  
27 the 21st of March.

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29 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Pick your dates.

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31 MR. BALLOT: Do we need two days? One  
32 day? Half a day?

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34 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Well, depending on what  
35 we got, right?

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37 MR. BOYD: Yeah. Normally you've had one  
38 day meetings.

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40 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Yeah.

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42 MR. BOYD: You could pick two days and  
43 then when we see the agenda we can make an adjustments.

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45 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Sure. Pick two days  
46 then because like we're almost barely going to.....

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48 MR. BALLOT: 27 and 28.

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50 ATTAMUK: Out.

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1 MR. BALLOT: Out.

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3 ATTAMUK: February or what -- oh, got to  
4 be February.

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6 MR. BALLOT: What do you have open?

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8 CHAIRMAN STONEY: February what?

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10 MS. JOHNSON: 27 and 28 he say.

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12 MR. BALLOT: I'm just throwing numbers  
13 out.

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15 ATTAMUK: I would like to travel back on  
16 Friday. I don't want to spend the weekend in Anchorage.

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18 MR. BALLOT: It's in Anchorage?

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20 ATTAMUK: Well, the 28 is a Friday.

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22 MR. BOYD: Well, the meetings would be  
23 here in the region.

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25 ATTAMUK: Here in our region?

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27 MR. BOYD: Yes.

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29 ATTAMUK: Okay.

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31 MR. BALLOT: Yeah.

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33 ATTAMUK: Then I got no problem with  
34 Kotzebue.

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36 (Laughter)

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38 MR. BALLOT: 27, 28 sounds fine then?

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40 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Lillian, February 27,  
41 28.

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43 MS. JOHNSON: February?

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45 MR. BALLOT: Yeah.

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47 MS. JOHNSON: Yeah, February.

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49 ATTAMUK: Just to be fair to the agencies  
50 we're always saying we want to come -- as Natives we

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1 always want to go home for the weekend, they want to go  
2 home, too. Let's be fair. 26, 27.

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4 MR. BALLOT: Sounds good.

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6 ATTAMUK: If they're lucky it will get  
7 stormy and stay Friday.

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9 (Laughter)

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11 MR. BOYD: That'd be a wonderful time,  
12 I'm sure.

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14 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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16 MR. BOYD: Okay.

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18 MR. BALLOT: Okay, no problem.

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20 ATTAMUK: I don't have my calendar, it's  
21 in my office.

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23 CHAIRMAN STONEY: February 26 and 27.

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25 MR. BOYD: Well, I should have planned  
26 ahead and had copies of this for you, Helen handed this  
27 to me on my way out the door. But the winter -- the next  
28 fall meeting, the window opens on September the 8th and  
29 closes on October the 10th. And I should probably give  
30 this to you so you can look at it Mr. Chair.

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32 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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34 ATTAMUK: September what?

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36 MR. BOYD: September the 8th and closes  
37 on October the 10th. And if you could pick a time in  
38 that, if we could look ahead and schedule that.

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40 MR. BALLOT: Two days.

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42 MR. BOYD: Yes, and again we can make  
43 adjustments in that next winter.

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45 CHAIRMAN STONEY: The place of the  
46 meeting is 26 and 27, February, Kotzebue?

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48 MR. BALLOT: Uh-huh. Is that the March  
49 one -- or are you on the next one now -- what's wrong  
50 with today's date a year from now?



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1 ATTAMUK: On or around.

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3 MR. BALLOT: September 18.

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5 ATTAMUK: Or near September 18, 19th.

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7 MR. BOYD: Is that on a weekend, that  
8 would be the only hang up, I guess, unless you want to  
9 meet on the weekend.

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11 MR. BALLOT: If it's on a weekend we  
12 could move it.

13

14 ATTAMUK: On or around.

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16 MR. BALLOT: I'm easy.

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18 MR. BOYD: What was that again, same  
19 dates as today, September the 18th. That's a Thursday,  
20 September the 18th is a Thursday.

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22 MR. BALLOT: Just what you guys wanted,  
23 uh?

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25 MR. BOYD: That'd be great, the 17th and  
26 18th then?

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28 MR. BALLOT: Sure.

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30 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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32 MR. BOYD: Good.

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34 MS. JOHNSON: Kotzebue.

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36 MR. BALLOT: Uh-huh.

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38 ATTAMUK: '03.

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40 MR. BOYD: Yes. Are there any concerns  
41 about the other question of where we have the meetings,  
42 smaller communities versus the regional hub of Kotzebue  
43 for this region?

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45 MR. BALLOT: I remember one time I  
46 invited them to Deering or Buckland but we never did make  
47 it up that way.

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49 MR. BOYD: I'll just say out loud, our  
50 desire from the agency standpoint is to go into the hubs

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1 because from a planning and timing standpoint it's a lot  
2 easier, less costly and the accommodation issue -- and I  
3 don't know what Deering has or other communities, but in  
4 some smaller communities, the large contingent of Staff  
5 that are coming to these meetings, there may not be  
6 enough places to stay or that sort of thing or even  
7 facilities to eat and I don't know about Deering or other  
8 communities. But as we look at this around the state,  
9 those are concerns that have come up. And it also takes  
10 a lot more time when we're traveling from one meeting to  
11 the next and I have some Staff that have to go to more  
12 than one meeting, to get from one location to another  
13 one, when we add that extra leg of travel. So I'll just  
14 say from the standpoint of the Federal agencies or maybe  
15 even the State agencies, it's a lot easier to come into  
16 regional hubs. And if that's an issue with you, we want  
17 to hear it.

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19 CHAIRMAN STONEY: It's like, Tom, if you  
20 wanted a meeting in a smaller community, like for  
21 Buckland or Deering or Kiana or Ambler or Kobuk or  
22 Shungnak, you know, sure we would like to have it but  
23 look at it this way, if you have to go up to Kobuk or  
24 someplace, you have to up on a scheduled airline and then  
25 you have to go back so you wind up with, let's say,  
26 chartering probably three, maybe four caravans, by the  
27 time you get done, you know.

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29 MR. BOYD: Yeah.

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31 CHAIRMAN STONEY: By the time you get  
32 done with that, if you see your billing it's very, very  
33 high.

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35 MR. BOYD: Yes, it is. And that's a  
36 concern I have. And we can go into those smaller  
37 communities if we need to meet with people where there  
38 are special issues. I mean one or two people, we could  
39 take the Chair or a member and go meet and talk to people  
40 if necessary and we've done that on occasion where there  
41 are issues that need to be talked about.

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43 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Like for our next  
44 meeting, you know, like for myself, you know, all the  
45 agencies are here, you know, finally, I like all the  
46 agencies to work with. And I could see, you know, that  
47 Kotzebue would be a very good place, you know, the way I  
48 feel, you know. Kotzebue or anyplace like that. But in  
49 September, though, it's hard to go to small communities  
50 because everybody's busy and their hunting and then even

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1    though -- even Kotzebue is busy.

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3            Enoch, how do you pronounce your name?

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5            ATTAMUK: Attamuk.

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7            MR. BOYD: Attamuk.

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9            MR. BALLOT: Attamuk.

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11           ATTAMUK: You're worse than the White  
12 people.

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14           (Laughter)

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16           ATTAMUK: What kind of Eskimo are you.

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18           CHAIRMAN STONEY: I know, I can say it  
19 but I can't pronounce it.

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21           ATTAMUK: Just think about it, Attamuk.

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23           CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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25           ATTAMUK: I'm happy with the winter  
26 meeting, the dates. Any days that don't conflict with my  
27 other interests, so the winter dates are fine with me  
28 right now, even the one in the fall -- I mean this --  
29 this one here right now is -- I'm happy with it.

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31           CHAIRMAN STONEY: Are we clear now, Tom,  
32 February 26 and 27, Kotzebue, Alaska.

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34           MR. BOYD: Yes.

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36           ATTAMUK: If you e-mail us the dates.

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38           CHAIRMAN STONEY: 8:30.

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40           MR. BOYD: Well, we'll look at the  
41 schedule but chances are you're right, 8:30.

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43           CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. I know you guys  
44 are ready to go.

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46           MR. BOYD: And we do have tentative dates  
47 for next fall, the 17th and the 18th of September.

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49           CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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1 MR. BOYD: I will bring those back to you  
2 next winter to look at again.

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4 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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6 MR. BALLOT: Mr. Chair.

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8 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Percy.

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10 MR. BALLOT: We're going to have our two  
11 new members at that time?

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13 CHAIRMAN STONEY: I certainly hope so by  
14 this winter meeting.

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16 MR. BOYD: Yes.

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18 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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20 MR. BOYD: Yes.

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22 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Maybe at that time  
23 we'll elect officers.

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25 MR. BALLOT: Okay. Because I kind of  
26 would rather have done something about the elections so  
27 that we don't call you actor -- acting Chair versus our  
28 Chair, you know.

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30 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay.

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32 MR. BALLOT: You've been acting too long.

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34 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Is that it?

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36 MR. BALLOT: That's it.

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38 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay, we're down to the  
39 last one, I want to thank the members that traveled here  
40 to Kotzebue for today's meeting and all the Staff, the  
41 National Park, the BLM, State and I'm glad you guys all  
42 made it here and we're very proud to work with you guys  
43 and hope we accomplished something and we'll be seeing  
44 you guys in February. Willie and Ken, all you guys,  
45 thanks for coming.

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47 Do I hear a what, adjourn?

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49 MS. JOHNSON: Adjourn. I move the  
50 meeting adjourn to next February.

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1 CHAIRMAN STONEY: Okay. The meeting has  
2 adjourned at 5:15, meeting adjourned.

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4 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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